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Geese,
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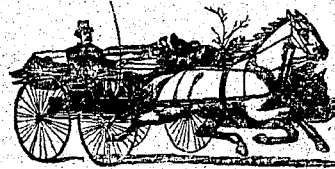
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Many more Merry Christmases,
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And may they be even more
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Buy it at HOME this Christmas Keep Prosperity in THIS Town

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IT IS CHEAPER to buy than to bake for the Christmas dinner. Let us do your baking for you, and save you money and time and much hard work. Talk to us about it early.

Special preparations have been made for doing all kinds of holiday baking, giving it that peculiar "home flavor" which is so much in demand everywhere.

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Try our New Silver Slice Cake
New England Dark Fruit Cake
Pepper Nuts
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Do Not Fail to Register for a Calendar

We are going to give to our customers by far the prettiest calendar that was ever given away in Grayling.

Model Bakery and Grocery

THOS. CASSIDY, Prop'r.

ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF D. W. DONOHUE.

Local Industrial Firms Give Complimentary Dinner.

In honor of D. W. Donohue, trainmaster of the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central railroad, the local industrial firms gave a six o'clock dinner at the rooms of the Grayling Social club Tuesday evening.

This was to show their appreciation of Mr. Donohue as a citizen of Grayling during the past year and a half that he has been located here, and also the gratitude of our manufacturers for the service this railroad has given them, due greatly to the business like and indefatigable efforts of Mr. Donohue.

Twenty-eight men sat down at a long table, beautiful with white linen and silver, set with two vases of carnations. The electric lamps were encircled with large red poinsettias. The banquet was prepared and served by the ladies of the Good Fellowship club and was probably one of the most delicious and best served ever given in the Club rooms. There were four courses, each of the choicest viands of the season.

During the banquet a telegram from M. C. Coyle, addressed to Rasmus Hanson, was received and read aloud. He expressed his regrets at being unable to be present, and appreciation of the compliment conferred upon one of their officials (Mr. Donohue).

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Park Benefit Entertainment Was A Success.

The much advertised entertainment for the benefit of Grayling's new City park, was very much of a success and also netted the management a clear fund of about \$75.00.

As is usual with home talent entertainments, there was everything from the sublime to the ridiculous.

First was a grand overture by Clark's orchestra. For the second number Miss Lucile Campbell sang very nicely "It isn't the thing to do."

A one act comedy, "Two Drinks for a Nickel," starring P. G. Zalsman, Wm. McNeven and Owen Cameron, wherein two tramps tried to get two drinks for their lone nickel, brought out many laughs.

A vocal duet, "Come sing to me," by Mrs. T. W. Hanson and Fred Alexander, as may be expected, was a very pleasant number, as was also the vocal duet, "Crimson glow at Sunset Bay," sung by Mrs. Marius Hanson and Mrs. C. C. Westcott.

Charles A. Palmer, a professional comedian, tragedian and balladeer, sang, "There'll be a Jubilee in My Old Kentucky Home." He was called back at least four times, each time appearing amidst a thundering blair of cornet and trombone and the resounding of symbols and blowing of whistles, cat calls etc., until finally he nearly fell from exhaustion and had to disappoint his audience by being unable to further appear in that act.

An exhibition of Folk dancing by the Folk Dancing club, under the direction of L. C. Bungardt, director of gymnastic at the gymnasium, was one of the most enjoyable features of the entertainment. They gave Swedish and Danish dances, in native costumes. Master Harry Cook furnished the music for this part of the program with his violin.

Few among the audience recognized Ernest Richards in his Dutch act, "Little Jacob Straus." He sang funny Dutch songs, sprang jokes and did some clever dancing. His make-up and his act were much enjoyed and elicited hearty applause.

The entertainment concluded with a one act sketch, "My Old Kentucky Home," played by ten characters, with Messrs Zalsman, Mitchell, Dreese, Currier, Palmer and Dekett playing the leading roles. Conspicuous in this act was Owen Cameron, as Charlie Chaplin.

The receipts from the entertainment have been put in care of Marius Hanson, secretary and treasurer of the Fish hatchery, and will be used for making improvements in the park.

Mr. Zalsman is deserving considerable credit for the success of the affair.

(Mr. Palmer, claiming to be "professional," has demanded \$10.00 as payment for his services and, we have been informed, has promised to institute proceedings against Mr. Zalsman for the recovery of the same. Really, this is funny! He just simply cannot help making people laugh.)

Pure candies for Christmas. Gilbert's and Liggett's assorted chocolates and nut chocolates; Johnson's chocolates, Maxine cherries; pure twisted stick candies and many other kinds. A. M. Lewis.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

The M. E. Sunday school will have their Christmas exercises and Christmas tree on Thursday evening December 30, in the M. E. church, to commence at seven o'clock. (Standard time.)

A special Christmas service will be held on Sunday morning in the M. E. church. All the Sunday school children



Christmas Gifts For All

What will George like best for Xmas? That same old problem looks us in the face every year, and to some Christmas buying is really work. Whereas it should be a pleasure.

We Make Christmas Buying Easy. Here's Our Plan

Make a list of the friends you intend to remember. Then make up your mind to buy only practical, useful things. Presents that they will not be obliged to put away on the shelf just to look at. That's a waste of money and you have not satisfied your friends.

Just Buy Things They Can Use Every Day---Things to Wear

Now doesn't that sound like common sense? You can do your complete buying at this store, from the baby to its grandfather.

There is nothing nicer for little brother than a neat

Mackinaw, an Overcoat, a Cap, a Hat,

Sweater or Gloves. You could not please your older son more if you presented him with a nice Snit or Overcoat, cut in the latest fashion. Could father wish for anything better than a nice Suit or Overcoat with Hat and Gloves to match?

Same way with mother, what can please her more than a nice

Coat, Waist, Shoes, Slippers, Neckwear,

Gloves, Mittens, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Etc. Fancy Linens of every description, such as Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, Etc.

Fancy Shirts, Socks and Ties

Our assortment is very complete and larger than ever.

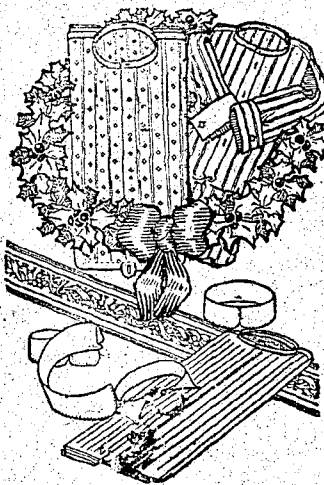
Men's Neckwear

Bought especially for Xmas and strictly up-to-date.

Fancy Linens

Our reputation as THE linen store adds much to the appreciation of your gift if bot here.

Lunch Cloths, Lunch Sets, Table Sets, Table Cloths, Napkins, Towels and Scarfs.



Beautiful Line of Hosiery

Christmas Aprons

Bags and Suit Cases

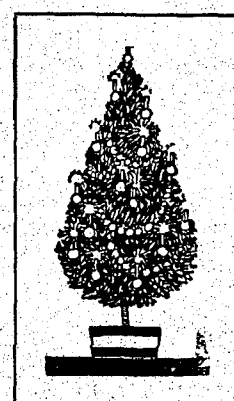
Infant's Wear

Back Combs and Barrettes

Hand Bags

Ladies' and Men's Stylish Footwear

We will not only sell you the shoes but will fit your feet. This year's stock is the finest we ever had. Shoes and Slippers are always appreciated presents.



CHRISTMAS TIME, the great festive time of the year; the time when we should put aside petty jealousies and banish all unkind thoughts from our minds, and try and make others happy; therein lies our own happiness. Let your giving be coupled with the practical things that are of high quality and beauty. Our store is full of good suggestions and we invite you to come in and see. It is impossible to tell all here.

EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods Store

ren are requested to be present at the morning service and to assemble in the church at ten o'clock. There will be no Sunday school held after service.

Please note! When the church bell rings on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, it calls every American citizen to public worship. "Will you come and join in this Christmas service?"

The Pastor will preach on the subject: "And the government shall be upon his shoulders."

A WORD OF CHEER TO THE MAN WHO TRIES.

From Rev. A. Mitchell. (Quoted from E. V. Cooke.)

"You are beaten to earth? Well! Well! What's that?"

Come up with a smiling face. It is nothing against you to fall down flat.

But to lie there—that's disgrace. The higher you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce.

Be proud of your blackened eye. It isn't the fact that your licked that counts.

It's "How did you fight and why?" With hearty Xmas greetings, to my townsmen.

There will be no moving picture show in the M. E. church on Sunday night, but there will be a rousing "Gospel Address," if you value your "soul" be sure to come. Service commences at seven o'clock. Preacher, A. Mitchell.

Christmas



Candles on the tree aglow,
Holly red and mistletoe;
Radiant faces, rapturous cries,
In the nursery wondrous eyes,
Stockings full and bulging out,
Toys of every sort about,
Music, joyous, glad and gay;
All of Christmasdom at play;
Season of the Holy Child,
Dearest gift, divine and mild,
Angel songs, dispelling fear,
Yule, the blessed Yule is here!
—Rosa Mills Powers, in Youth's Companion

For a number of years Santa Claus came from the North Pole to visit us

Santa Claus is here again this year with a full line of

Toys, Tailor-Made Clothes
Underwear for Ladies, Men and Children
Shoes for the whole Family
Rubbers for the whole Family
Socks, Children's and Ladies' Hosiery
Ties, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders
We just got in a line of Leather Suit Cases and Traveling Bags

Solid Leather \$8.00 Traveling Bags for \$6.00
\$7.00 All Leather Suit Cases \$5.00

Makes a fine Xmas present.

BRENNER'S

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

GRANGE ENDORSES TONNAGE TAX

AFTER LONG AND BITTER DEBATE POSITION IS REAFIRMED.

RURAL CREDIT LAW FAVORED

Government Ownership of Telephone and Telegraph Lines Receives Support But Military Expenditures Are Opposed.

Ann Arbor—After two hours and a half of debate the Michigan State Grange Friday night reaffirmed the position taken last year, when it referred the question of a tonnage tax to the executive committee, with instructions to push the initiative petitions.

Anti-tonnage forces, led by James N. McBride, of Owosso, former State Senator McNaughton, of Kent; J. A. Thompson, of Vulcan, and Frank Vandenberg, of Marquette, made a gallant fight to stop the tonnage tax movement by offering the income tax as a substitute, but succeeded only in securing a recommendation that the state grange "carefully study the income tax" for future action.

The executive committee's course has been severely criticized by State Food and Dairy Commissioner James Helme, one of the tonnage tax leaders, who alleged that it had failed to push the matter.

The victory of the tonnage tax forces was tempered somewhat by the defeat that Helme suffered at the afternoon session when the convention refused to adopt a committee report recommending that the farmer members of the legislature repeal the state marketing law and re-enact one giving the control of the state dairy and food department instead of to the Michigan Agricultural College.

A resolution proposed by the co-operative committee that met with instant approval and one that is of vital interest to the farmers throughout the country, was the one on rural credits in which was recommended the enactment of a federal rural credit law, which should embrace the following features:

A low rate of interest, to be secured either by long time government loans direct to farmers or by government land-backed bonds; and amortization of the loan in at least 30 years.

Among the resolutions passed was one asking that the money heretofore used by congress for distributing seeds to farmers be used to do something for the farmers that would be of greater advantage to them.

The grange also endorsed government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines, protected against any further increase in our financial or military obligations, protested against the recent readjustment of rural mail routes and unanimously endorsed the Palmer-Owen child labor law.

The organization also formally recommended the enactment of a law to require goods held in cold storage for 60 days or more to be conspicuously labeled. The committee on pure foods presented a resolution complimenting Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme for the zealous discharge of the duties of his office.

BIG HIGHWAY PLAN STARTED

Paved Way From Detroit to Chicago Purpose of New Organization.

Battle Creek—The Michigan Chicago-Detroit Highway association, to promote the building of a permanent highway along the line of the Territorial road across the southern peninsula of Michigan, was formed at a meeting held here Friday night. A. B. Williams of Battle Creek was named temporary chairman and W. M. Bryant of Kalamazoo temporary secretary.

A call was issued for a general meeting to be held in Battle Creek on the evening of January 5, with a banquet to be attended by business men representing the seven counties to be included in the work.

A systematic campaign in support of the building of a paved highway between Chicago and Detroit will be taken up.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS

Kalamazoo will get the next biennial convention of the National Order of Glens, which will be held in January.

Albion's publication, as determined by a one hour's census by school children under direction of W. J. McKone, superintendent, is 7,553, an increase of 34.6 per cent since 1910.

Paying no heed to the warning of the signalman at the Pere Marquette crossing near Zeeland, John Postmus, aged 80, walked along the track a short distance and was struck and killed by a passenger train.

Attorney General Fellows Tuesday decided for Game Commissioner Oates that Indians not on reservations had to obey general hunting and fishing laws. Some of the Indians claimed that by old treaties they did not have to obey the law but could hunt, fish and trap at will.

Rev. Lewis P. Kopp, of Washington, Ia., has accepted a call issued by the First Church of Christ of Adrian.

Governor Ferris, in an address at the new \$25,000 nurses' building at the Michigan Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, Tuesday, declared he believed young persons should be educated to the fact that too much attention is not paid to old soldiers. The governor expressed sympathy for women sufferers in the European war. The building was presented by General George Stone, a member of the state board.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

County Agent C. L. Coffeen reports that Lenawee county is practically free of hog cholera.

Tri-weekly rural mail routes will be established in Michigan on April at Ensign, Delta county and at Turner, Arenac county.

Commencing Jan. 3 Harbor Beach will have a mail delivery service. The postmaster has been authorized to employ one carrier.

Twenty-seven Ionia reformatory prisoners, of 44 who applied for leniency, have been granted paroles by the state pardon board.

Action has been taken by the Adrian school board whereby school girls of the city will be given an opportunity to learn to swim.

A movement has been started at Ludington to organize a Chamber of Commerce with a pledged supper of \$5,000 a year for three years.

A road bee was held Tuesday a half mile west of Wadhams by farmers not residents of that place, on the Lapeer avenue road to repair a stretch of sandy road.

Harry H. Marks, 34, of Sault Ste. Marie, superintendent of the state fish hatcheries, is dead. Marks had served 20 years as superintendent of the state hatcheries.

The president has announced three Michigan postoffice appointments: Manchester, Frank H. Koebbe; Baldwin, Thomas Henderson; Burr Oak, Gay F. Hackman.

Albion young people will skate on a municipal skating rink this winter. A large tract of land near the center of the city has been offered for the purpose and will be flooded.

Samuel E. Byrne has been named judge of Marquette's new municipal court, which will come into existence January 1 under the amendment to the city charter recently adopted.

After several years' work, the Cornelia W. R. C. has obtained funds enough to erect a memorial to the sailor and soldier dead. The tablet will be erected on the court house square.

James A. Greene, for two years assistant in the attorney-general's office, has tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1. He will go to Alma to go into partnership with W. A. Bahkle.

Harry, the six-year-old son of E. E. Cameron, teller in the Commercial bank of Bay City, was fatally injured when struck by a motor car, the wheels of which passed over his head, fracturing the skull.

In an effort to end the frequent hold-ups and robberies reported in Muskegon, the police are in the midst of a campaign to eliminate carrying of concealed weapons and already a number of arrests have been made.

Hereafter the prisoners in the Bay county jail will have to buy their own tobacco. The county has been supplying it, at a cost of \$10 to \$15 a month, but the county auditors have decided to cut it out.

In the municipal election at Eaton Rapids, Monday, B. H. Custer was elected commissioner for three years over C. M. Hunt; C. A. Collier, justice, long term; Samuel P. Savage, justice, full term.

The Port Huron city commission has adopted a resolution fixing January 11 for a special election on the question of whether \$100,000 worth of bonds shall be issued for the construction of a new school building to replace the old Washington school.

The largest check received by Secretary of State Vaughan for automobile licenses this year from a single company came Saturday from the Edison Illuminating Co. Their check was \$1,683.30 to cover license plates for their various machines used in Detroit.

Announcement was made Saturday of the resignation of A. D. Furlong as manager of the Commonwealth Utility companies in Saginaw Valley. John A. Cleveland, former manager and vice-president of all the companies, will return January 1, as manager. He will devote his time to the entire district as well.

The Owosso city commission put down four new wells last summer, although the city already had seven wells. Now they have reason to be thankful. The seven old wells are dry, and the three new wells connected with the mains are furnishing the water supply. Experts say the lowering of the Shiawassee river is the cause of the old wells going dry.

Taxpayers of St. Charles township, Saginaw county, will be asked to authorize a bond issue of \$10,000 to be expended in dredging the Shiawassee river from the Center township line to north line of St. Charles township. It is claimed that by dredging the river thousands of acres of land, now almost useless, can be drained and made into fertile farming land.

Evart men have formed a \$10,000 stock company to manufacture an electric bean-picker invented by Harry Curtis, 18 years old, of Dighton.

At the meeting which was held here under the auspices of the Hillsdale County Superintendents' and Principals' association, an organization to be known as the South-Central Michigan Association of Superintendents and High School Principals was formed. Officers are: President, S. J. Gier, Hillsdale; vice-president, Commissioner Robinson; secretary, Principal Van Duskirk, of Hudson.

The manufacturing photo engravers of Michigan formed a state organization at a meeting held at Battle Creek. Fred W. Gage, of Battle Creek, was chosen president and E. C. Tonger, of Detroit, secretary-treasurer.

The twelfth annual show of the Oakland County Poultry Breeders' association will be held in the Light Guard armory in Pontiac the week of January 10. All premiums will be paid in cash this year. The entries are the largest in the history of the organization. Hundreds of Detroit birds will be shown this year.

PRINCIPALS IN PRESIDENTIAL WEDDING



PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON

WILSON-GALT NUPTIALS MARKED BY SIMPLICITY

PRESIDENT IS WEDDED AT BRIDE'S HOME IN PRESENCE OF FEW GUESTS. COUPLE LEAVE FOR VIRGINIA TO SPEND HONEYMOON

Washington—President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married in simple, quiet elegance at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, in the home of the bride in Du Pont circle, and left at 11:40 o'clock on their private car for Hot Springs, Va., where they will pass their honeymoon.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the president and Mrs. Wilson entered a waiting White House automobile and motored to Alexandria, Va., across the Potomac, to take their private car there and avoid a crowd at the railroad station in this city.

At Hot Springs, where they arrived at 8:15 Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had planned to live at the Homestead hotel until after New Year's day, unless some development should necessitate the president's earlier return to the capital. Two of the White House automobiles have been sent on ahead, and the couple expect to pass their honeymoon motoring, golfing and walking over the mountain trails.

Besides the secret service guard, the party was accompanied by one stenographer. The president will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

Is Simple Home Wedding.

Because the wedding arrangements and the hour of the ceremony had been kept a close secret, there were few on the streets about the White House, but near the bride's home the crowd was held back by police lines spread in the afternoon.

Everything was in readiness for the ceremony when the president arrived and it proceeded without music. Neither the president nor Mrs. Galt had attendants and there were no ushers nor flower girls. Neither the army, the navy nor the diplomatic corps was represented and the occasion was essentially what both of the couple had wished it to be—a home wedding.

There Were About Thirty Guests.

On the first floor of the bride's home, in two communicating rooms, a wedding bower had been arranged with a background of farleyanase and maiden hair ferns, which extended from the floor to the ceiling. Overhead there was a canopy of green in the form of a shell lined with Scotch leather. In the background at the center was placed a large mirror framed with orchids and reflecting the scene. Above the mirror was a spray of orchids across a background of ferns and the corners of the canopy were caught with orchids. American beauty roses were on both sides of the canopy, beneath which was a prayer rug on which President Wilson and Mrs. Galt knelt for the ceremony.

Just at the hour set for the ceremony the president and his bride ap-

peared at the head of the staircase, which was decorated with ferns, asparagus vines and American beauty roses. They descended to the lower floor, where the guests were grouped informally.

Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Protestant Episcopal church, of which the bride is a communicant, was waiting beneath the canopy to perform the ceremony, and with him to assist was the president's pastor, Rev. James H. Taylor, of the Central Presbyterian church.

Mrs. William H. Bolling, the bride's mother, gave her in marriage. The president stood to the right of the clergyman and the bride stood on their left. At once, Dr. Smith began the words of the Episcopal marriage service, the president making his responses first, and then the bride making hers. After the bride promised to "love, cherish and obey," the president placed the wedding ring, a plain band of gold, on her finger and then, after a prayer and while the couple clasped their right hands together, Dr. Smith declared them man and wife. The brief and simple ceremony was past.

How the Bride Was Dressed.

At the ceremony and luncheon afterward, for which a string orchestra played, the bride wore her traveling dress, a black silk velvet gown, and picture hat of black beaver with no trimmings whatever except one feather slightly upturned on the left side. At her throat she wore the president's wedding gift, a magnificent diamond brooch.

The skirt of her gown was of walking length and cut on full lines. The waist had silken embroidery of blue, shading from the deep tones of royal blue to delicate shades of pastel and was threaded with silver.

The lower part of the waist was embroidered on black net over a band of silver in the design of lilies, below which was a girdle of black velvet. The sleeves of the gown were of black net fashioned in tiny tufts, with long bell-shaped cuffs of embroidered velvet that came well down over the hand. Her collar, which was high and up-standing, was of black lace.

When she left on her honeymoon journey Mrs. Wilson wore over her gown a fur coat of broadtail, with bands of Yukon and muff to match. She wore a chin-chain collar.

Upstairs in the bride's house one room was set aside for the wedding gifts, which despite intimations from the White House that nothing be sent by any others than relatives and close friends, ran into the hundreds.

In deference to the president's wishes, the houses of congress sent no gifts officially, but many members sent personal remembrances.

NEWS BRIEFS.

Port Huron township must refund to Port Huron Engine & Thresher Co., \$5,722.29 taxes paid under protest in 1912. This was the decision of Judge Law in circuit court.

Eaton Rapids' \$30,000 paving program for 1915, just completed, is likely to be repeated next year. Petitions for the expenditure of a similar amount are already being circulated.

Local option forces of Arenac county served a mandamus on the board of supervisors Thursday, through their clerk and chairman, to show cause why petitions for submission of the local option question at the spring election by the board which refused to submit them. The question will be argued before Judge Sharpe next week.

Grain shipments from the middle west through Ludington have been halted because of a shortage of cars to carry the grain to the eastern markets. Grain shipments last month totaled 575 cars, as compared with 450 a year ago.

Elder William Herd, of the Kalamazoo Seventh Day Adventist church, has resigned his pastorate to fight the white slave traffic. Elder Herd declares he has quit the pulpit in order to bring reflection on his church associates for anything he might do or say.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Daniel McIlwain, aged 48, and single of near Jackson, was crushed by a tree which he fell Wednesday, dying the same night. He laid in the cold one and a half hours before found.

Owen A. Charles, of Muncie, Ind., has been selected by the directors of the Traverse City chamber of commerce as secretary of the organization. He was elected from a list of 50 applicants. He began his active duties Thursday.

Cincinnati, O.—Brigadier-General by brevet Jephtha Garrard, of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, died here Thursday. He was 80 years of age and had retired from his profession as an attorney a number of years ago. He was a graduate of Yale university.

Berne, Switzerland—Camille de Coppet was Thursday elected president of the Swiss republic and Edmond Schulthess vice-president. M. de Coppet is a former minister of justice and the present vice-president of the republic.

Chester, Pa.—Five persons were killed and 11 injured, one probably fatally, in a rear-end collision between an accommodation train bound from Wilmington to Chester and a train of empty express cars on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Friday night at Felton, two miles south of this city.

SECOND ANCONA NOTE IS CABLED

BREAK WITH AUSTRIA DEPENDS UPON ANSWERS FROM VIENNA.

STRONG AS FIRST LETTER

United States Refuses to Discuss Circumstances of Legality of Act of Submarine in Sinking Italian Liner.

Washington—The United States government's second note to Austria on the sinking of the Ancona was cabled to Vienna Sunday. Upon this communication depends whether or not diplomatic relations are to be continued with Austria-Hungary.

The United States has refused to discuss the circumstances of the legality of the submarine attack, and has declined to accede to Austria's request for a bill of particulars upon which original American demands were based.

As described by a high administration official, the note is every bit as strong as the first one addressed to the dual monarchy. This is taken here to mean that Austria must yield to the demands of the United States or at least repudiate the statement of her admiralty in regard to the details of the Ancona sinking if a rupture with the United States is to be avoided.

A prompt reply is requested, and officials are of the opinion that one will come within 10 days.

The demands of the United States, which are reiterated, are for disavowal, punishment of the submarine commander, and reparation by the payment of indemnity for the Americans killed and injured.

It can be said authoritatively, that the American government looks on the situation as grave and will await with considerable anxiety Vienna's next move. Any hope that exists in official circles that Austria will accede to the American demands seems to be based on the belief that Germany will bring pressure on her ally to affect an adjustment of the controversy.

As Washington views the situation, there is one loophole through which Austria may avert the crisis without immediately yielding to this government's demands. This might be accepted if the foreign office at Vienna should find itself able to repudiate the admiralty statement which confirmed the American evidence that the Ancona, while at a standstill, was torpedoed and sunk with passengers still on board.

That statement by the Austrian admiralty is the keystone one which the United States rests its case. As long as it stands unrepudiated this government will feel it has all the evidence necessary and that it can not enter into a discussion of other circumstances which are regarded as immaterial.

TO PROSECUTE LAND SHARKS

People Are Lured to Northern Peninsula and Sold Worthless Properties.

Manistique—Residents of Schoolcraft county and other sections of the upper peninsula are planning to assist state authorities who are endeavoring to stop the operations of land sharks who have misrepresented lands in this section and disposed of thousands of acres to farmers all over the United States. A fund to prosecute the "sharks" is proposed.

Many of the victims have come here believing they had purchased fertile land, only to find it worthless for farming purposes. Some of them arrived here virtually penniless, and it is feared they will be thrown upon the county as indigents.

The state domain commission and land commissioners in the past have sent out warnings of the dealing of these land sharks, but they have stopped the practice and a publicity campaign has been suggested.

TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

London—The Belgian relief committee's steamer Levenpool, from New York for Rotterdam, has been beached on the English east coast in a sinking condition as a result of striking a mine.

London—Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary is taking a rest in the country. His place at the foreign office is being filled by the Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council.

Washington—A deficiency appropriation of \$2,000,000 which Secretary Lane says is needed at the earliest possible moment to enable the continuance of construction of the Alaskan railroad was asked of congress Friday by Secretary McAdoo.

New York—About 600 horses intended for the British army were drowned late Friday afternoon when the barge containing 600 of the animals sank alongside of the British transport, Anglo-California. The transport was scheduled to sail with nearly 3,000 horses.

London—The Italian liner Porto Said was owned by the Italian Maritime Society of Genoa, at which port she was registered. She was built in 1884 and displaced 5,301 tons. Presumably she was sunk in the Mediterranean.

Berthold, N. D.—Six persons—five of them school boys and the sixth the driver of the school bus—were killed late Friday on a grade crossing near here when a Great Northern passenger train struck the omnibus which was taking the children home from school.

LANSING NOTES

Great Game Refuge Planned.

The Michigan public domain commission is planning the establishment of a natural game refuge of 60,000 acres.

The refuge when established will be the cap-sheaf for the work of propagating and preserving protected game in this state, a work now being undertaken at the Hansen military reservation at Grayling and at the Houghton Lake forest reservation. The Luce county refuge would give game a chance to thrive on a much larger scale than is possible at either of the artificial preserves in the southern peninsula. No attempt will be made to propagate in Luce county, but the game will be protected from hunters.

One-deer laws and buck laws serve their purposes, but eventually the deer would be routed not only from the few counties in the southern peninsula in which they are still found, but also from the entire upper peninsula.

The state has in its Luce country reserve 38,000 acres. It is not all in one block, but mostly in small pieces, separated by property of either private individuals—here and there a 40 or an 80—or the holdings of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company. The plan is to consolidate the whole block of 60,000 acres and abolish all hunting.

The property is as near the "forest primeval" as one can find in the entire state of Michigan. Thirty years ago, when lumbering was at its height, the land was populated by hundreds. Today it is forgotten and forsaken; never visited except by a few trout fishermen in the summer and by fewer deer hunters in the fall. Nearly 30 miles to the south runs the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railroad.

From the Grayling deer "hatchery," the officials expect to be ready to make distributions in two or three years, and if their plans work out successfully they expect to repopulate the southern peninsula with deer within 10 or 15 years. This does not mean, of course, that in that length of time there will be as many deer in the lower peninsula as there was 20 years ago. But, given a buck law, which all of the game officials are fighting for, they think that in a little more than a single decade deer will be considered fairly plentiful south of the straits.

Phone Mergers Are Popular.

Telephone subscribers of the Michigan State Telephone Co. and the United Home Telephone Co. in the counties of Manistee, Oceana, Muskegon, Ottawa, Lake, Newagaw, Kent and Mason, to the number of 9,250, will after January 1 be able to communicate with one another, to other Michigan points and to the outside world, all because of a consolidation authorized by the state railroad commission and which clears up one of the most tangled meshes of telephone duplication existing in any Michigan territory.

When Lawton T. Hemans appeared before the legislature several years ago and argued for legislation providing for mergers of telephone lines in Michigan to do away with unnecessary duplication of service and thus save subscribers paying for two telephones, he was greeted with jeers and his scheme was called as a speech in the interest of the Bell corporation. Today the Hemans scheme is working out throughout the entire state, mergers are being made and the subscribers themselves are, in a great many cases, petitioning the railroad commission to use its efforts to provide for such mergers.

Instead of a close corporation, or in other words the Bell interests, gaining control of the telephone business of the state, the reverse is the case, for records show the Bell is not only giving way to independent companies, but the number of subscribers taken over by independent companies by the many mergers made reaches into the thousands.

The dissension against telephone mergers is fast decreasing and a close observation made of the records in the office of the railroad commission indicates beyond the question of a doubt that the subscribers themselves where duplication of service exists are waking up to the fact that mergers are not as bad as they have been pictured. The fact that the railroad commission controls the rates of telephone companies is the safeguard for the subscribers and from what was a few years ago considered idle talk has become a business proposition that is being sought by the subscribers themselves.

Get the Habit of Drinking Hot Water Before Breakfast

Says we can't look or feel right with the system full of poisons.

Millions of folks bathe internally now instead of loading their system with drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform miracles if you could believe these hot water enthusiasts.

There are vast numbers of men and women who, immediately upon arising in the morning, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is a very excellent health measure. It is intended to flush the stomach, liver, kidneys and the entire tract of the system of the previous day's waste, sour bile and indigestible material left over in the body which if not eliminated every day, become food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels, the quick result is poisons and toxins which are then absorbed into the blood causing headache, bilious attacks, foul breath, bad taste, colds, stomach trouble, kidney misery, sleeplessness, impure blood and all sorts of ailments.

People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply can not get feeling right are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make anyone a real crack on the subject of internal sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so limestone phosphate and hot water act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. It is vastly more important to bathe on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

QUIT MEAT IF YOUR KIDNEYS ACT BADLY

Take tablespoonful of Salts if Back Hurts or Bladder bothers—Drink lots of water.

We are a nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with uric acid, says a well-known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble.

The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system.

When your kidneys ache and feel like lumps, if you have pain in your back, pains in the back or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or the bladder is irritable, obliging you to seek relief during the night; when you have severe headaches, nervous and dizzy spells, sleeplessness, acid stomach or rheumatism in bad weather, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys, to neutralize the acids in urine so it is no longer a source of irritation, thus ending urinary and bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water remedy. Already many have made a mistake by taking a little occasionally to keep the kidneys clean and active.

GRANDMA NEVER LET HER HAIR GET GRAY

Keep her locks youthful, dark, glossy and thick with common garden Sage and Sulphur.

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture, though, is home to many and troublesome. For 50 cents you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use tonic called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair has disappeared, and after another application of two, your hair becomes beautifully darkened, glossy and luxuriant. You will also discover dandruff is gone and hair has stopped falling. Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur and look years younger.

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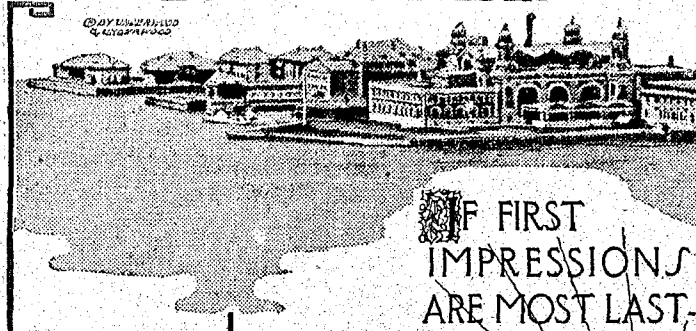
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THEIR FIRST AMERICAN CHRISTMAS



THE FIRST Christmas away from home is usually filled with sadness and a powerful sense of homesickness. That is the reason why so much attention is paid to making the newly arrived foreigners cheerful at this season of the year. One can easily imagine how barren a Yuletide without the incidentals and frivolities of the season would be to these poor folk, who are not only separated from their homes, but are in a new country, among new faces and strange surroundings. Naturally, they would miss the merry-making of the old country and the greetings of their lifelong friends, says the Philadelphia North American.

IF FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE MOST LASTING, FOREIGNERS WHO ARRIVE IN AMERICA DURING THE JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF OUR BIG HOSPITALITY.



But, as it is, these thoughts fit across the mind and are lost. So much attention is paid to making light the hearts of the new arrivals that there is no time for retrospection or sad memories. Should a ship arrive on Christmas eve, the day before or even on Christmas itself, immediately there begins a round of festivities. The happy times are not of one day's duration, but last clear until New Year's day. In the first place, a tree is usually erected at the docks, and here the regular ship visitors, with many of the city's social workers, and the new arrivals in finding their friends and distributing toys and candies to the children.

If one wants to see life in its various phases and the real Christmas spirit exemplified, this is the place to go, for here many happy holiday reunions take place—the greetings between husbands and wives, fathers and children, grown-up children and their aged parents, brothers and sisters and sweethearts. Each case has its own story and each holds its own interest. There is no false modesty here, and the knowledge that other eyes are gazing on their greetings never mars the warmth and affection displayed in the tight embraces. Here, too, the customs of every country are brought into notice. Some kiss on one cheek and then on the other, while others prefer the more familiar method. Some men kiss one another as fervently as they do the women, while others merely clasp the hands of their relatives.

These scenes, it is true, take place at all times of the year, but the coming of Christmas seems to bring more joy into the meetings. There is a double reason for rejoicing, as the families are not only reunited, but are spending the holidays together once more. In some cases the Christmas is a triple-fold, for many of the Christmas lasses come here at special pleadings and before the Yuletide sun has set will have become brides.

This year there will not be as many Christmas brides, for the girls living in the war-ridden countries will be needed at home to till the soil while their fathers and brothers are off to the front. Besides, the ships of the American lines are the only vessels reaching this port. This means that there will be a marked falling off in every type of foreigner, except those who are able to reach the English ports. The cases of those who do come

from the war-stricken countries are even more pathetic than usual. They have perhaps lost their homes in the ravages of the war and invested their last savings in purchasing their passages, or they have lost relatives near and dear in the conflict and have come here to forget their loss and sufferings. It is here that the biggest celebration is held, and here that the sympathy extended by the charitable workers is manifested. The others have been reunited to their friends and are assured of happy holidays, but these poor folk are forced to spend the season isolated in the detention house. Without the cheer, their lives would indeed be miserable on this day of all days, for they are not permitted to leave the building, the windows of which are barred and wherein their only companions are their fellow immigrants, many of whom speak different tongues.

But the gloom is dispelled, and instead happiness reigns supreme throughout the festive time. There are two big days—Christmas itself, when a chicken dinner is served and fruit and candies distributed to the foreigners; then, on the following afternoon, a real Yuletide party is held, in which representatives of almost every nationality under the sun usually take part. Last year 300 men, women and children from scores of countries were the guests of honor. This year the numbers will not be nearly as large, and it is a question if there will be more than a score or two of immigrants.

All of which means that the festivities and jollification will be on a larger scale, for with fewer mouths to feed and fewer presents to buy it only stands to reason that those in charge can be more liberal. The entertainment usually starts early in the afternoon. The gong is sounded, and the immigrants, escorted by the matrons and attendants, are brought to the dining room, where they take their regular places at the tables.

When they are all assembled the fun begins. Notwithstanding the difficulty of entertaining those of various nationalities, the performance is always a success, for the headliner is a sleight-of-hand artist. This is one thing that interests all at the same time, for speech is unnecessary. All kinds of things disappear, to the amazement and amusement of the onlookers. Newspapers and rags are transformed into toys and candies for the children.

empty cups are filled with coffee in the twinkling of an eye and ice cream appears on an empty saucer just as quickly—that is, after a cloth has been placed over the saucer and the mystic words pronounced. To the foreigners the magician is a novelty; they never tire of his tricks and stunts and greet the close of his performance with much applause. The encore brings the best part of the program, for that has been carefully saved until the last. A cloth is stuffed into a high hat, and when it is withdrawn, flags of every nation appear.

Clowns and pantomime artists perform stunts for the children, and these are received with much delight. Then Italian and Polish singers, as well as those of other nationalities, render national airs and anthems. The immigrants often oblige by singing the various songs of their fatherlands. The program is generally arranged so that all will be pleased. It is true that all cannot join in the one chorus, but those of the different nationalities join their representative singers in the refrains of their favorite Christmas hymns. Interpreters are always on hand to give any necessary explanations.

After the concert refreshments are served and gifts and candy distributed among the grown-ups. Handkerchiefs and various other useful presents are given to the women and cigars to the men. Then comes the real treat. The children are gathered around the tree and the gift-filled stockings and the Noah's Ark and other attractive candy boxes are taken from the branches and distributed among the little ones. It is pleasing to watch the joy on the faces of these children as they receive their gifts, and all of them join together in examining their stockings and in having a good time in general.

This scene around the Christmas tree would be hard to equal, for here are to be found Italian, Polish, Hungarian, German, Russian, English, Scotch and, in fact, the little ones from every part of Europe. Last year there was an interesting group of three Hindu children, who were the pets of the station.

If the weather is not too severe the children are usually permitted to play on the roof garden at the close of the festivities, and there the toys are distributed by the young aids, who assist the workers. The children have plenty of room to indulge in the games and they have the time of their lives.

What is probably the most interesting feature of the Yuletide parties is the fact that the representatives of every denomination unite with the matrons and nurses in lightening the hearts and making merry the immigrants. A real holiday spirit is displayed, for there is no distinction of any kind, either of race, creed or nationality. Jews and Gentiles join in aiding those from every country, and in last year's contingent there were even three stowaways, who had been taken from a ship on Christmas eve.

Neck and Neck.
Would-Be Hunter—Here I am, tied to my desk, during the hunting season. Wish I was a young bachelor minister just after Christmas!
His Friend—Elucidate?
W. B. H.—Oh, I might be able to exchange some of the ties.—Albany Argus.

The Idea.
"I see where a very clever dog is the star of a play lately produced."
"I suppose they did that to make it a howling success."

LIVELIER TALKER THAN STEPPER
ly you will step; but you will never live to be so old. The fool killer will get you long before then.—New York Times.
Daily Thought.
The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.—George Eliot.

The KITCHEN CABINET

Be square with yourself. The insincerity of others, may hurt you, but can inflict no such injury as being insincere with yourself.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

The following are a few good dishes to serve at times of the gathering of the clans:

Jellied Chicken Sandwiches.—Chop the meat of a cold chicken with a stalk of celery, or put all through a food chopper. Season with a little grated onion and minced parsley. Soak one tablespoonful of granulated gelatin in a teaspoonful of water, then add six tablespoonfuls of cream and beat over hot water until the gelatin is softened, and dissolved. Add the chicken meat, lemon juice, salt and paprika to taste; beat all together thoroughly and pour into a shallow pan, wet in cold water. Set on ice to chill, then cut in slices to fit the bread cut for sandwiches.

Roast Beef Salad.—Cut rare roast beef in thin slices and marinate with French dressing, to which a finely chopped onion has been added. Serve with pickled beets and lettuce.

Coffee Ice Cream.—Scald a pint of milk with a half cupful of dry coffee. Strain into three slightly beaten eggs, one cupful of sugar and a fourth of a teaspoonful of salt. Return to the fire and cook until the mixture coats the spoon. Add a quart of cream and freeze. Serve with marshmallow sauce.

Marshmallow Sauce.—In the upper part of a double boiler put one-fourth of a pound of marshmallows. When melted, pour over it a sirup made by boiling one cupful of sugar and a fourth of a cupful of water ten minutes. Add one-half of a teaspoonful of vanilla and cool.

Roast Goose With Stuffing.—Prepare the goose as usual, washing in soda water to remove all objectionable oil and dust, wipe after rinsing and stuff with two finely chopped onions, one-fourth of a cupful of finely chopped pork, and combine with two cupfuls of hot mashed potatoes and one and a half cupfuls of bread crumbs. Add some of the fat of the goose cooking; using a third of a cupful; salt well, add one beaten egg, a teaspoonful of sage and a little black pepper.

A new stuffing for turkey which is recommended is the giblets chopped and mixed with cooked seasoned macaroni and used as any stuffing.

GOOD THINGS FOR WINTER.

For a chilly night what more grateful or appetizing odor could greet one than potato soup.

Potato Soup.—Cook three potatoes, three stalks of chopped celery and a quart of chicken stock together. Rub through a sieve when the vegetables are tender. Scald a pint of milk with a slice of onion, a blade of mace and a bit of bay leaf; strain and add three tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour creamed together, cook five minutes. Combine mixtures, season to taste with salt, pepper and cayenne.

Spinach Omelet.—Make an omelet, using four eggs, four tablespoonfuls of milk, salt and pepper to taste. Have the omelet pan hot, put in a tablespoonful of butter, then turn in the egg mixture. As the egg sets lift with a knife around the edges. Fold the omelet and turn out on a bed of cooked, hot, seasoned spinach.

Mock Beef.—Cut Hubbard squash in thick slices, removing the shell and the inner seeds and pith. Butter a deep stone baking dish. Arrange a layer of squash; dust with salt and pepper, add thinly sliced onion and a layer of thinly sliced carrots, covering a thin layer of chopped parsley. Repeat with the alternate layers until the dish is full and then fill up with beef stock. Cover and cook for two hours. Make a thick brown sauce with some of the stock, add a tablespoonful of Worcestershire sauce and arrange the cutlets on a platter with the brown gravy poured over it. Serve with potatoes and turnips.

Tunny Fish Balls.—Pick the fish fine and add to the mashed potatoes while they are hot, taking two-thirds as much potato as fish. Add plenty of butter, salt and pepper and fry in deep fat.

Cranberry Ice.—Cook a quart of cranberries in a pint of water six minutes. Strain through a cheesecloth, and a pint of sugar and stir until dissolved. When cool add the juice of two lemons and freeze to a mush. This will serve a dozen sherbet cups.

POSTSCRIPTS

English naval vessels given corrugated hulls for experimental purposes are said to be economical of fuel, to have more cargo room, to be stronger and to be less sensitive to wave motion.

An education scheme which has been under way in Siam for twenty years has led to the laying of the foundation of Bangkok university's first buildings, for arts, medicine and engineering.

To prevent the vibration of small craft using detachable motors an inventor has mounted his motor on a separate float that can be fastened behind a boat, or canoe.

The Philippine bureau of agriculture has begun a thorough study of the banana, botanically and commercially, and has collected banana plants from all over the world.

A floor scrubbing implement has been invented that is supplied with water through a tube from a faucet and carries a supply of soap in a container through which the water passes.

We have such extraordinary powers of persuasion when they are exerted over ourselves.—Dickens.

Do not be content with following good advice; catch up with it.

FOOD HELPS.

Efficiency in housework, as well as cooking, demands that no money be wasted. Energy, patience and time should also be conserved for they are of still more value.

Potato Omelet.—This is an economical omelet and will in consequence appeal to the thrifty cook. Beat the yolks of three eggs very light. Season a cupful of mashed potatoes with a saltspoonful of salt, add a half cupful of milk, two teaspoonfuls of sifted flour, a little chopped parsley, pepper to taste and lemon juice if liked. Add well beaten yolks to this, then the beaten whites. Add a tablespoonful of butter to a piping hot omelet pan, pour in the potato mixture and brown lightly, turn and serve very hot. Garnish with fresh parsley.

Parker Roast Beef.—To prevent the meat from becoming dry in cooking cover with pieces of suet that have been pounded with a wooden masher until thin as slices of bacon. If a long thin roast allow eight minutes to the pound in roasting. This applies more to a gas oven than slower heat. Serve with fresh grated horseradish.

Another Swiss Steak.—Select a two-pound steak from the upper part of the round. Have it one and a half inches thick. Sear on both sides in a hot frying pan, then remove to a meat board and dust thickly with flour, pound in as much as possible with the edge of a saucer, place in a casserole, add one chopped onion and a cupful of tomato. Season with salt and pepper, place this dressing on half of the meat and fold the other half over. Add a little water, renewing occasionally as it is needed and cook very slowly for three hours. Thicken the gravy and serve from the casserole.

Cranberry Relish.—Take two parts of cranberries, three and a half pounds of sugar, one pound of seeded raisins, the rind of two oranges, chopped fine, one cupful of vinegar, the juice of two oranges, one teaspoonful each of ginger, cloves and cinnamon. Cook until thick like marmalade. This is excellent conserve with cold meats, especially turkey and game.

SEASONABLE DISHES.

On these cold winter nights when a hot soup is most acceptable, the cheap onion soup is easily made and always appetizing.

Onion Soup.—To four good sized onions, chopped very fine, add two thin slices of bacon; cook slowly until the onions are soft and the bacon a light brown. Add two cupfuls of cold water and let come to a boil. Mash the onions with a spoon, add to the soup one and a half cupfuls of rich milk; season well with salt, pepper and a dash of cayenne. Thicken with a tablespoonful of flour mixed with a little milk; cook until the flour has time to be well cooked.

Fruit Roly-Poly.—To two cupfuls of flour add a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a tablespoonful of shortening. Mix with cold water to a consistency to roll out thin. Take a cupful of canned peaches or pineapple, chopped, or any fresh fruit, spread the fruit on the rolled out crust and sprinkle with sugar, roll up as a jelly-roll and put into a deep round pan, well greased with butter. Add a half cupful of sugar with a tablespoonful of butter, cover with boiling water and put into the oven to bake until brown. The boiling water, sugar and butter make a sauce. Serve hot.

Roast Goose With Russian Stuffing.—Singe, draw and wash the goose in strong soda water, rinsing and wiping well. Dredge with flour and stuff with two cupfuls of tart apples, greenings or baidwins, and one cupful of raisins. This is a stuffing which will be delicious and quite different.

Jellied Prunes.—Cook a third of a pound of prunes until soft; remove the stones and cut the prunes in pieces. Soak half a box of gelatin in a half cupful of cold water and add to a pint of the sirup in which the prunes were cooked. Add a cupful of sugar, a fourth of a cupful of lemon juice and the prunes. Mold and chill. Serve plain or with whipped cream.

Nellie Maxwell

Concerning the Remaking of Suits



It is a good idea to buy an extra yard or so of the material selected for a tailored suit, in order that the coat or skirt or both, may be altered and the suit remodeled. Good fabrics, outlast styles, and a suit is often regretfully consigned to the discard, not because it is worn but because styles have changed since it was made.

A suit that is required to do more than one season's service without any alteration should be conservative in style. A plain skirt of medium fullness, and a box coat or one of the plain, semifitted models, if well made of good material and fine finish, is never out of the running.

A good model to follow in remaking a suit is shown in the picture given here. The skirt is made with an inverted panel set in at the back and front, and a narrow skirt may be widened by the addition of such panels. Another good plan for widening a narrow skirt is to split it up at each side to the swell of the hip. Here it is

trimmed to form a yoke, and an extra piece is set in at each side by shirring or plaiting it to the yoke. The fashion for short skirts help make the way easy in altering them, and borders at the bottom and bands set on are useful for the same purpose.

Coats have been brought up to date this season by the addition of full skirts, set on at the waist line, and by belts and pockets made in the new mode. A collar and cuffs in another fabric help out in the transformation, and buttons supplement these with the smartest of finishing touches.

It is a great satisfaction to convert an old style into a new one. Whether one is compelled to be economical or not a remade suit made of good cloth adds variety to the wardrobe and admits of the exercise of the individual taste in design.

Artificial feathers for millinery, made of fur, have been invented by a Boston man.

Little Ministers of Vanity



Someone whose occupation, or business, is the thinking up of pretty things must have turned her attention recently to artificial flowers. For these cunning copies of nature's beauty-wonders are compelling attention everywhere because they are used in new and unusual ways. We are used to seeing them in corsage bouquets and replacing natural flowers in the limousine. We are familiar with them in girdles about the waist and in wreaths about the hair, but these are only mere beginnings of their usefulness as it has been lately developed.

Everywhere little blossoms nestle in bows and rosettes of malines or lace, ornamenting collars and cuffs. They dangle, in place of ribbons, in hanging sprays from the girdle. They are perched in bright sprays on the party or the shopping bag, and they adorn the pincushion, the perfume bottle and the powder puff.

A small bouquet set in a frill of gauze and suspended by narrow ribbons that are tied about the wrist is the latest adjunct but one of the party gown. And that one is the spray of flowers which finishes an adorable anklet of malines that is tied about the slipper to fly with the feet of the

youngful dancer. Only one ankle is allowed this final touch of color and coquetry.

The corsage bouquet and the flowers for the limousine have other business in hand besides their important mission of beauty. They are determined to be useful as well as ornamental. A bouquet for the limousine is shown in the picture, made of two orchids and many sprays of little like lilies of the valley. In the heart of one orchid, concealed by flower petals, is a tiny box of compact powder and the other darts to harbor in this secret way a box of rouge. Flower petals cover the small powder puff that slips in each box and the unnoticeable little ring that is the handle of the puff is covered with silk floss.

The stems of the flowers are tied with a bow of ribbon matching one of the shades in the orchids in color. One ribbon loop is sewed up along the edges to form a case for a tiny mirror. Look twice in the heart of the newest corsage rose and the chances are that you will find it harboring the same sort of first aids to Cupid.

Julia Bottomley

Quaint Runner Design.

There is a strong evidence of the revival of things quaint in needlework, not only in stitches, but in designs as well. One expression of this revival is noticeable in a runner for a library table. Conventionalized birds form the principal motif, and are stamped upon heavy tan crash. They are embroidered in vivid colorings, heavy wool being used for the purpose. The rounded ends of the runner add an unusual effect to the scarf. These are finished with fringe, which looks just as old-fashioned as the birds themselves. The sides of the scarf are embellished with a conventional border formed of solid and outline stitches.

A pillow displaying the same design would complete a very attractive set for somebody's library.

Many Like Him.
"Ever notice how Jones butts into a conversation?" "Yes; he always thinks his particular train of thought has the right of way."—Boston Transcript.

FRUIT-PICKING DEVICE

To simplify the work of gathering fruit which does not necessarily require hand picking, a canvas apron device has been invented which in appearance is similar to a large umbrella. The device is described in Popular Mechanics Magazine. It is so arranged that it may be placed about the trunk of a tree, forming a funnel into which apples or oranges are caught as a tree is shaken. In

the center of the device is a cloth arranged in such manner as to break the fall of the fruit as it rolls into the chutes and is discharged in baskets or boxes placed on the ground. The canvas is supported by radial arms which may be folded over one side to permit the device, which is mounted on a cart, to be wheeled between the various rows of trees in an orchard.

Where Courtships Are Long.
Young ladies in Russia are not at all averse to long engagements, and use all sorts of artifices to stave off the wedding day as long as possible, but in no country in the world are courtships so abnormally long as in Bohemia, where engagements commonly last from fifteen to twenty years. In fact, there recently died there, at the age of ninety-nine, an old man who had been courting for 75 years and who was married on his death bed.

"Step lively," yelled a conductor to two old women who were trying to board a cross-town car at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street the other day. "Step lively there, will you?" he called again. "Step lively, you idiot," answered one of the old women, trying to pull herself up to the step of the car. "We look as if we could step lively now, don't we? Wait till you are as old as we are and see how lively

ly you will step; but you will never live to be so old. The fool killer will get you long before then."—New York Times.

Daily Thought.
The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.—George Eliot.

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This seemed to be a cue to further remarks and Rev. Father Riess took advantage of the opportunity and on behalf of the hosts of the evening—Salling, Hanson Co.; R. Hanson and Sons; Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co., and the Johannesburg Manufacturing Co., presented Mr. Donohue with a beautiful pin, studded with a fine large diamond and six pearls, mounted in platinum.

No doubt Mr. Donohue had expected to be called upon to make a few remarks and was prepared, but this quite upset him for a moment. He accepted the gift very gracefully and modestly tried to apologize for the many times that he had fallen short in giving the local shippers the quality of car service to which they were entitled.

R. Hanson and T. W. Hanson gave short talks of appreciation of Mr. Donohue as a citizen and also of the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of his office, and extended their best wishes for his success in the future.

The gentlemen then retired to the parlors and enjoyed smoking, conversation and cards, and it was almost eleven o'clock before the last guests departed.

Mr. Donohue came to Grayling in April of 1914, and took charge of affairs at the Trainmaster's office, with jurisdiction over the lines between Bay City and Mackinaw City. The work is pretty heavy on this line for it covers many logging and other side lines, besides the main line, and the freight traffic is so heavy that it requires a great deal of ability to keep the shippers supplied with cars and train service to get them hauled away. This Mr. Donohue has done in a most creditable manner.

While he has worked faithfully to give service to the many shippers, he was everlastingly working for the interest of the Michigan Central, with the consequent results that his methods were best for all concerned.

Another compliment, richly deserved, is the loyalty and esteem in

which he is held by the employees of the road. From the office boy to those in authority, all speak highly of Mr. Donohue. One railroad man says, "He's the best man that I ever worked under, and I worked under a lot of them." Expressions that "He's a good fellow" (pardon the insinuation, but this speaks volumes, coming from some men,) may be heard often. Mr. Donohue's friends seem to include all with whom he comes in contact.

The fact that the Michigan Central has seen fit to transfer Mr. Donohue to other fields, prompted this gathering and combined to make a fitting farewell reception. He will be placed in charge of the Michigan Central lines running between Detroit and Jackson and Detroit and Bay City, as superintendent, a similar position to that held by M. C. Coyle on the Mackinaw division. This a nice promotion and will take effect January 1st. His successor locally has not been announced.

Out of town guests present were Frank Michelson, manager of the Johannesburg Mfg. Co., of Johannesburg, T. E. Douglas, of Lovells and C. T. Clark of the du Pont Co., Bay City.

Mercy Hospital Notes.

Mrs. George Nichols was dismissed from Mercy hospital last Thursday, feeling much improved. She returned to her home in Gaylord the same day.

Mrs. Mary Sova, who has been at the hospital for several days was dismissed Tuesday and returned to her home near Cheboygan.

Wm. Hunt of Red Oak returned to his home the fore part of the week after being a patient at Mercy hospital for a week.

Chris Huse of Frederic arrived at Mercy hospital Tuesday to undergo an operation.

Frank Nowacyk has returned to his home in Gaylord, after being at Mercy hospital with a fractured limb.

Eli Branch was dismissed from Mercy hospital this week.

John Chittin of Wolverine is still at Mercy hospital.

Tony Nelson entered the hospital last week, Saturday for medical treatment.

Elmer Woods was also admitted to Mercy hospital last Saturday for treatment, being seriously ill.

Charles Demankowski of Detroit, who has been at Sigma is getting along nicely, as the results of an operation for appendicitis, that was performed last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs of Hetherton entered the hospital Tuesday for medical treatment.

Santa Claus again at Brenner's.

The Avalanche

wishes a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

to Everyone, Every-
where, and For-
ever.

Local News

Toys at Brenner's.
Conklin and Laughlin self-filling Fountain Pens, at Hathaway's.

\$8.00 fine all leather traveling bags at \$6.00, at Brenner's.

The place to buy your Xmas Candies is at Holliday's Bazaar. Stock fresh and prices right.

And now the dear little aristocratic bright-eyes are wearing fur boas on their booties. Oh my!

Dr. S. N. Insley was called to Gaylord last Saturday in consultation with one of the local doctors at that place.

There will be Christmas services in the Danish Lutheran church Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock, also Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

And now the dear constituents will receive sundry copies of fervid and oratorical speeches which Congressmen So and So never delivered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCullough will arrive in the city Friday to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCullough.

There will be a dance and oyster supper at the home of Alton Brott in Beaver Creek, Saturday night, Dec. 25th. You are cordially invited—come and bring your friends. 12-16-2

The local schools closed Wednesday for the Holiday vacation, and the pupils were instructed to return January 10th and report at the new school building. It is with extreme pleasure that the teachers and pupils received this notice.

Local theatre goers are looking forward to Christmas night when "The Nigger" will be presented. A rumor has been afloat that children under the age of sixteen years will be excluded from attendance, but Manager Olson says that this is not true. This is a much discussed picture and no doubt will draw a big attendance.

A beautiful line of perfumes and toilet waters. These make fine presents.

A. M. Lewis.

Mrs. P. D. Borchers and son Clare, spent a couple of days of last week in Bay City.

Invitations are being sent out for the annual ball of the Loyal Order of Moose, to be held at the Temple theatre New year's night.

The Danish church will hold their annual Christmas exercises and Christmas tree at Danebod hall Monday evening, Dec. 27th at 7:00 o'clock.

Miss Johanna Henriksen is assisting in the postoffice during the Holiday rush. It seems as natural as ever to see her at the delivery window.

During several weeks past the members of the Good Fellowship club have been collecting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed among the needy families for Christmas. There has been a liberal response by our citizens generally, many of whom contributed money, as well as wearing apparel, fuel, furniture, etc. That there will be Christmas cheer in every family in Grayling is certain, much to the credit of the Club members who looked after this noble work, and to those who so cheerfully and liberally contributed. This work cannot help but make us feel proud and happy to live in such a community where selfishness is almost unknown and benevolence stands paramount with the high principles of our people. Now let us seal this by resolving that no unkind thought or deed escapes us upon this day and that we will let no opportunity pass to extend cheer and good will to every living creature.

DuPont News Items.

Chas. Carlson will spend Xmas with his parents in Bay City.

Superintendent Miller Rose will spend Christmas with his family in Bay City.

General Manager C. T. Clark has been here since Friday assisting to get the plant in operation.

Theodore Baker, an expert still man of Wilmington, Del., the home plant, has been here since Friday and left for home Tuesday.

Up to date there has been three hundred and forty-four cords of wood carbonized and the quality of gases and charcoal found to be of the very best.

Every department of the du Pont factory is now in operation, and the apparatus found to be O. K. with exception of minor adjustments. The still house has been turning out a quantity of crude alcohol. This will undergo a process of refining later, which will also be done at the local plant.

Appreciation.

In appreciation of the generous patronage of the Park improvement entertainment, last Friday evening, at the Opera house, I hereby wish to thank the public; and also those who took part and assisted in making the affair a success.

PHILIP G. ZALSMAN.

Lovells.

George Kneff was in town on business Thursday.

E. H. Parker went to Grayling Monday to join the Moose lodge.

Mrs. A. J. Caid has been on the sick list the past week.

Announcements have been received of the wedding of Harriet May Bills and Claude Burton Smith which took place at the home of the bride, Wednesday, Dec. 15, Rev. Kenny of Roscommon officiating. They will be at home to their friends in Roscommon after Feb. 1, 1916. All Lovells friends extend their congratulations.

T. E. Douglas went to Grayling Monday of this week.

E. S. Houghton and Ed. Feldhauser of Grayling spent a couple of days at Lovells last week and while here spent a day looking over timber prospects in company with T. E. Douglas.

A much appreciated Christmas gift was presented Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowers when our townsmen turned out and cut and hauled ten cords of good wood one day last week.

Sanford Griffin, who was so severely burned was taken to Ann Arbor last Friday for medical treatment. He was accompanied by his wife and George Spavin. While his condition is serious, physicians report strong hopes of his recovery.

John Sargent of West Branch came back Monday to finish the repair work on the mill.

School will close Thursday for the Christmas vacation of two weeks.

The Larkins Soap club met at the home of Mrs. Archie Swan Monday afternoon.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the members of the sewing club at the home of Mrs. E. McCormick last Thursday. Fifteen members were present and after a dainty lunch was served, the hostess was presented with a very pretty towel as her souvenir.

Riverview.

More snow than we know what to do with.

A. Rherdson shipped a car load of lumber to Mr. Schneider of Battle Creek.

Misses Looper and Jetta Grover and brother Harry were in Grayling Friday.

Hod Barnhart and Miss Jennie White attended the show in Grayling Thursday night.

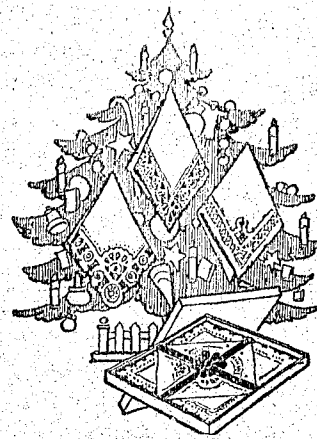
Mr. Grover has a fine young oxen for skidding logs.

Miss V. Brownell went to Sigma Friday.

SALLING, HANSON CO.

Established 1878

YULETIDE PRESENTS



She surely will approve of your taste if you buy her Present at this Store.

Here is where she does her own shopping and is familiar with the High Quality of our merchandise.

BEAUTIFUL
PRACTICAL

GIFTS

SERVICEABLE
SENSIBLE

Our big display of useful articles for ladies makes buying easy—and because everything is so new, late style and high quality you are sure to buy just right. You will find everything here that you may expect to find in a well managed dry goods store, in good reliable qualities.

American Lady
Shoes

For the Men

American Gentleman
Shoes

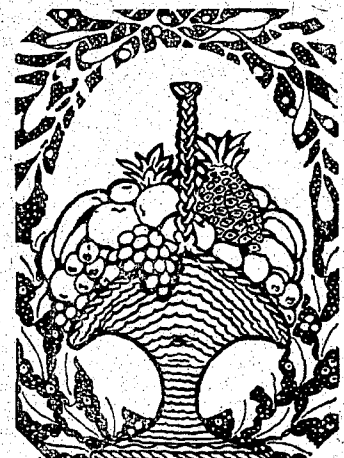
To please a man is not difficult. Men are practically common-sense creatures and they like practical things—particularly things to wear. But of course the gifts should be good.

If you give him a Tie—see that it is a beauty. Same with Shirts, Gloves, Hosiery, Shoes, Slippers, Etc.

Groceries for Your Christmas Dinner

We Are Ready For You

We are ready to do our part toward that big Christmas dinner you are whetting your appetite for. Come right along and get the Groceries. We have stocked up for the occasion and have some special Christmas delicacies that will please you.



Salling, Hanson Co.

The Pioneer Store

LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS

A list of things for the late shopper

A Gift of a Piece of Furniture is Long Remembered

Chairs and Rockers

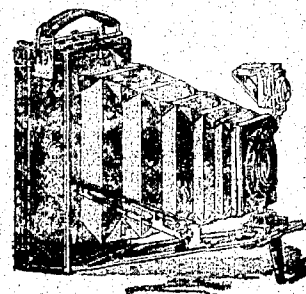
of nearly every imaginable design from the plain rocker and chair to the upholstered and genuine leather.

China

Look over our line. We have some specials at 25c and 50c Also a big line of hand painted ware.

White Ivory

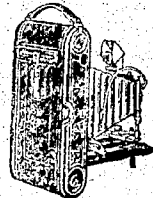
We have all kinds of useful articles in White Ivory at the best price in the city.

Most Complete
Line of

KODAKS

Ever Shown in Grayling

Is on display at our store.

Also a Complete Line
of Supplies.

Electric Lamps

We have a few good ones on hand. Come early for first choice.

Books

For old and young. Look over our line first. Books! All prices of Books!

Toys and Games

Only a few days before Xmas and they are going fast. Come early and get your choice of them.

DOLLS

Of all kinds, sizes and shapes, from 1c to \$9.00

Cutters and Sleighs

of all kinds for Boys and Girls

Wishing you all a Merry Xmas

Sorenson Bros.

The Home of Dependable Furniture



This Store MAKES GOOD on EVERY PURCHASE

We never allow any house to sell better goods than we do, or to sell them for less money. We set the pace in everything we handle, in every sale that we make. It is a way that we have—and it is a way that pays us and PAYS YOU. Buy from the STORE THAT MAKES GOOD.

For Christmas:



Delicious Candies

Always appropriate—always welcome—always pleases. Every girl loves to receive candy for Christmas. Include a box with her Christmas gift.

Gilbert's Chocolates, per pound	\$.80
Gilbert's Assorted Nuts, per pound	1.00
Maxie Cherries, per pound	.39
Liggett's Assorted Nuts, per pound	1.00
Liggett's Chocolates, per pound	.80
Johnson's Chocolates, per pound	.60
Guth's Old Fashioned Twisted Stick Candy—made of pure sugar, enjoyed by old and young, two-pound box for	.39

WHITE IVORY

We have the finest selection of White Ivory pieces and sets that ever came to Grayling—Buffers, Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Mirrors, Trays, Combs, Manicures, Picture Frames, Etc.
A specially fine White Ivory Hair Brush at.....\$2.50

Smokers' Goods

A good cigar will keep any man happy. We have all the leading brands—we will help you to select the kind of a cigar he smokes. Standard brands of Cigars in plain and Xmas boxes.....\$1.00 to \$4.00 per box
Pipes, all styles from.....25c up to \$5.00
All the leading brands of Tobaccos in plain and Christmas packages.



Razors and Shaving Outfits

In this department we have about everything that will appeal to the man who shaves. Good A No. 1 Razors and Safety Razors from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Standard brands of Shaving Soaps, Face Lotions, Talcums, Hair Shampoos and Tonics. You will enjoy shaving yourself with one of our Fine Safety Razors.

FINE STATIONERY, PENNANTS, FANCY WALL HANGERS, ETC.

Perfumes and Toilet Waters

Palmer's, Jennings', Colgate's, Foote and Jenks' and other brands of exquisite Perfumes in bulk and fancy bottles. This is a gift that is always proper and appreciated.

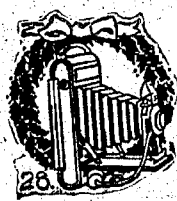
Also Toilet Waters—they are among the many desirable things for Christmas presents. Do not overlook the many attractive articles in our Perfume and Toilet Article departments.

Tinker Toys

We have the newest things in Tinker Toys, for building all kinds of miniature structures. They interest the father as well as the children. There should be a set in every home.

FANCY CHRISTMAS CALENDARS, SEALS, TAGS, STICKERS, etc., and CREPES and TISSUES

Cameras and Photo Supplies



No home is quite complete without a Camera or Kodak. They record the history of a family better than in any other way. Our line of Ansco Cameras in adjustable and universal focus meet the high endorsement of the professional and the amateur. Prices from \$2.00 to \$25.00. We carry a full line of Films and other Photo Supplies.

Books and Magazines

Our Book and Magazine department is full. Books for the kiddies and books for the grown-ups, too. Kipling, Stevenson, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Shakespeare, Porter, Churchill, Wright, London and all the other well-known authors. This is the GREAT CHRISTMAS BOOK STORE. All the latest magazines and periodicals. A year's subscription to some magazine is also good.

Nail Files, Buffers and Complete Manicuring Sets

Fountain Pens

Here again we offer a suggestion that as a Christmas gift finds a ready welcome to the pocket of any man. A good fountain pen, like the Sheaffer (self-filling) seems to be appropriate to both men and women. We will be glad to explain them to you when you come to the store. Prices from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

Thermos Bottles All sizes and prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Local News

A Merry Christmas to you!
Many more Merry Christmases, too!
And may they be even more than merry!

Cameras from \$2 to \$25. A. M. Lewis.
Your clothes cleaned and pressed right, at Brenner's.

A bright mind can always advance a new thought. Speak up!

"Merry Christmas" is good in theory. Let's make it as in fact.

Merry Christmas! May you live to hear it yet many years to come.

No, Henry Ford didn't take a "press agent" with him. He took fifty reporters instead.

A few more days and we will be ushering in a new year to bless and a new list of bills to cuss.

Mrs. Cameron Game and daughter, Joyce left Monday for Marion to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Wanted—the people of Grayling to come and look over our Xmas novelties, Kodaks, China, Toys etc. Sorenson Bros.

This is the season of the year when we pity the poor woman who takes in washing in order to pay her husband's booze bill.

"What to wear and how to wear it" is easily solved by the coy and winsome maiden. But how to pay for it is a poser to bluff old dad.

What a glorious thing it would be if 1916 could find this town without a knocker, and with everyone a booster. And it could, if you would.

Misses Lois Larive and William Ochs of the Mercy hospital training force spent a part of last week at their respective homes in Roscommon.

Finest assortment of white ivory goods we ever had. Ask to see our special offer of a white ivory hair brush for \$2.50. A. M. Lewis.

Mrs. John Johnson, left last Monday for Clarissa, Minnesota, to visit her son, C. P. Johnson, for a short time, and afterwards will visit in other cities.

A number of copies of 1915 Michigan Manuals, have appeared in the city. One lot came thru the courtesy of Representative Harry H. Whiteley, of Millersburg.

Yes, girlie, your dear old grandmother may have smoked a clay pipe in secret, but she didn't powder her nose or show a yard of her stocking in public.

Miss Eva Cariveau arrived from Bay City last Thursday to spend Christmas at her home. Edward Cariveau, is also home from Flint to spend the holidays.

The schools will close today for a two weeks vacation for the holidays. Most of the teachers will leave tomorrow for their several homes to enjoy the holiday festivities.

The celebration of Christmas is presumed to be in honor of the birth of Christ, but quite often we slip a mental cog and it becomes a wild jamboree in the service of the devil.

Miss Elvira Rasmussen expects to leave this afternoon for Detroit for a two week's visit with her sisters, Mrs. Roy Newton and Miss Edna Rasmussen, who reside in that city.

Invitations have been received by several in the city to attend the 22nd annual ball given by the Knights of Pythias of Gaylord, in that village Friday evening, December 31st.

Miss Laura Simpson arrived from Laurium, Mich., Upper Peninsula, the latter part of the week to spend the holidays at her home here. Miss Simpson teaches in the schools at Laurium.

The fixtures for the restaurant to be opened by the Messrs. Clyde King and John Hodge in the near future in one of the new buildings, owned by Victor Salling, arrived Monday and are being installed.

Miss Flora Borchers entertained the Grayling Thursday club last Thursday evening. The members were industriously employed with sewing and crocheting. Before leaving the guests enjoyed a serve-self luncheon and toasted marshmallows.

The funeral of Nils Peter Larson was held last Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the home, Rev. Kjolhede officiating. The funeral was conducted by the Danish Brotherhood of which the deceased was a member, and was attended by a crowd of sympathizing friends. Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

The Junior Aid was pleasantly entertained last Saturday evening by Miss Mildred Corwin. After the business transactions, the girls were engaged in a nut guessing contest, in which, Mrs. J. H. Wingard won the prize. After the entertainment a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

The annual meeting for the payment of dues and election of officers was held at Grayling Masonic lodge Thursday of last week. The following were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Frank Freeland.
S. W.—Einer Matson.
J. W.—Frank Sales.
Secretary—George Olson.
Treasurer—R. D. Comins.
S. D.—Charles Schreck.
J. D.—Charles Abbott.

We buy hides and furs at Brenner's Stationery, pennants, etc. A. M. Lewis.

A year of depression, and yet one of plenty. Ever see th- like bef- re?

Sheaffers' self-filling fountain pens. None better. \$1 to \$4. A. M. Lewis.

A. C. Wilcox left the fore part of the week for an extended visit in Bay City, Detroit and other cities.

Fire insurance is too cheap to be without. Why are you so negligent? GEO. L. ALEXANDER & SON.

Crouching, shivering, freezing, d- ing in the trenches on Christmas Day! Fortunate is the land that has the physical strength to avert war.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments. If.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's clothing cleaned, pressed and all kinds of alterations. Also furs remodeled. Next to G. A. R. M. Weingard, Tailor.

Earl Dawson has taken the pool and billiard tables from out of the back room at the restaurant and will install dining tables for ladies. An entrance place for ladies is being arranged so that they will not have to pass thru the front part of the restaurant. The place is being re-painted and cleaned up generally.

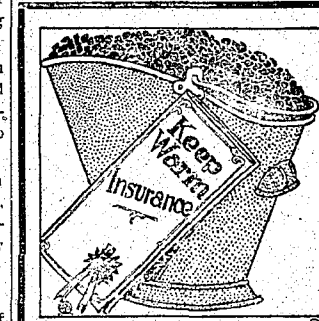
The election laws passed by the last legislature will make some material changes in the methods of holding conventions and caucuses which will go into effect in time to be available at the coming Spring election. One of the most important is the law which provides that all conventions, caucuses and primaries must be held at least twenty days before election.

The Avalanche in its issue of last week, made a mistake in announcing the newly elected officers of Grayling lodge K. of P. The corrected list is as follows:

C. C.—Emil Hanson.
V. C.—Glen Smith.
Prelate—Fred Alexander.
K. of R. & S.—Abe Joseph.
M. of F.—George W. McCullough.
M. of E.—Allen B. Failing.
M. of W.—E. S. Houghton.
M. of A.—P. L. Brown.
I. G.—Emil Giegling.
O. G.—John Hodge.

Owes Her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.



Order Your Coal Now

It's a Keep Warm Insurance against the cold weather. The cold days this winter will tell you whether the Coal, with which you're filling your bins, will give the comfort and satisfaction you expect.

To escape regrets its wise to remember that it's the heat producing qualities in coal that count.

We have a full stock of all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal and Coke always on hand. Phone 713

J. M. BUNTING.



Altho we came to Graylingstrangersfirst of this month, the patronage, given us has exceeded our fondest hopes. We have had to work day and night to complete orders. We heartily thank you and wish all a Merry Christmas

Close Photo Co.

New Studio
Grayling, Michigan



Cut Flowers

Carnations, pink and white, \$1.00 per dozen.
Carnations, red, \$1.25 per dozen.
Sweet Peas 25c per dozen.

Potted Plants

Cyclamen, Poinsettias, Azalias, Callas, Boston Ferns, Jerusalem Cherry, Begonia, Primroses.

Wreaths

Wax, Metal, Cycas Leaves, Magnolia Leaves, \$1.00 up

Smilax, Lettuce, Parsley

Place your orders for Red Carnations early.
Not later than December 20.
Telephone or call on us.

Grayling Greenhouses

Greenhouses open from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m.
Sundays and holidays to 9:30 a. m.



To Our Customers:

With the approach of the Christmas holiday season of 1915, I wish to take opportunity of thanking our many customers for the liberal patronage extended to us during the year. Just drawing to a close. It is indeed with feeling of deep gratitude we realize that our success is not so much the result of our personal endeavor as it is the continued patronage of our many friends and customers.

It is, therefore, with the utmost sincerity we grasp this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude and to extend to each and every one our heartiest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the dawn of the New Year light your path to Happiness and Prosperity.

Sincerely,

H. Petersen,

Grayling, Michigan

The Grocer

A Man With An Appetite

Is often the cause of endless perplexity to the careful and conscientious housewife. She wants him to have the best, she wants him to be satisfied, but she simply MUST keep the table expense down. We cater to the good judgment of all such housewives. We carry a stock of Groceries and Provisions that can not be surpassed in this locality, either in quality or in the economy of price. We sell you goods that give the greatest possible satisfaction, yet we keep the price right down to the economy figure. In each article you get the greatest nutriment at the minimum price.

DeWAELE & SON GROCERS

The Home of Good Things to Eat



FURS

Get "More Money" for your Foxes

MUSKRAT, SKUNK, RACCOON, BEAVER, COYOTES, BEAR.

LENS and other Fur bearers collected in your section

SEND YOUR FURS DIRECT TO "SHUBERT" the largest

house in the world dealing exclusively in NORTH AMERICAN RAW FURS

A. B. SHUBERT, Inc. 28-27 WEST AUSTIN AVE. Dept 816 CHICAGO, U.S.A.

Do not wait until the last minute—come in to-day and buy some of these fine Christmas gifts. If desired we will lay them away for later delivery.

A. M. Lewis, DRUGGIST Phone 18

IN THE WHITE HOUSE

How Presidents of Past Enjoyed Christmas Holidays.

No Celebration by John Quincy Adams Because He Regarded Religious Festival as a Foolish Extravagance.

ACCORDING to history the only president of the United States who did not celebrate Christmas (because he regarded it as a foolish extravagance) was John Quincy Adams, "the most economical man known in public life."

Mrs. John Adams, the wife of the second president of the United States, had a most discouraging time trying to make merry in the White House during the Christmas holidays. (She was the first wife of a president to celebrate Christmas in the executive mansion in Washington, for the president and Mrs. Washington were always at Mount Vernon for the holidays.) She had no dominating sense of economy, but it was the White House itself that was shabby, and a Christmas reception given to the members of congress by the president proved, from her point of view, to be a ghastly failure.

President Jefferson was a widower with four daughters, and during his second administration Martha, the eldest, was the head of her father's household, and made Christmas the happy and festive occasion it was designed to be from that time when the star stood still above the manger in Bethlehem.

There were trees, and decorations, and all sorts of entertainments for the children of the official families, as well as gifts for the poor of the capital.

Although the Madisons did not spend all of their Christmases in the White House, on account of the little historical interruption by the British, when they occupied other quarters for a time, the brilliant Dolly managed a record for holiday hospitality and merry-making that has never been surpassed.

When Andrew Jackson came to the White House he was bowed and broken by the death of his wife and depressed by political animosities. He had neither heart nor the slightest inclination for holiday celebrations, yet he pulled himself together at Christmas time, and saw to it that the day meant something happy to those in the White House.

In the meantime the Monroe administration was marked by nothing in the way of holiday celebrations beyond what was conventionally prescribed, and after President Jackson's efforts at keeping the spirit of Christmas in spite of his own personal sorrows, President Harrison did not live to see a Christmas in the White House.

Mrs. Tyler lived to celebrate only one Christmas in the White House. After his second marriage the Tyler administration was noted for its brilliant entertainments. Whether it was Christmas or any other time of the year, hospitalities were dispensed in the old Virginia style, and there was no stint of merry-making at the White House.

The Polk administration reverted to the grim and practical idea of John Quincy Adams. Perhaps it was not economy that changed the Christmas celebration at the White House; it is difficult to define the reason why President Polk did not make the holidays a festive event in the executive mansion; it may have been the temperament of the chief executive; perhaps it was because Mrs. Polk did not believe in the gay and festive way of celebrating the holidays, as, according to intimate history, she did not.

President Zachary Taylor, brilliant figure in military history, who had no chance whatever in the social history of the White House, because he died in little more than a year after he had taken his seat as president of the United States, and spent only one Christmas in the White House, bequeathed his administration to the Fillmores, people pitifully distinguished by sorrow and in no way adapted to the social obligations of the great national responsibility of sustaining the political and social obligations of the White House.

"Shortly after becoming president," someone writes of President Fillmore, "his wife died, and a year later a daughter, an only child, passed to the great eternity."

A CHRISTMAS HYMN

No tramp of marching armies,
No banners flaming far;
A lamp within a stable
And in the sky a star.

Their hymns of peace and gladness
To earth the angels brought,
Their Gloria in Excelsis
To earth the angels taught;

When in the lowly manger
The Holy Mother Maid
In tender adoration
Her Babe of heaven laid.

Born lowly in the darkness,
And none as poor as he;
The little children of the poor
His very own shall be.

No rush of hostile armies then,
But just the huddling sheep,
The angels singing of the Christ
And all the world asleep.

No flame of conquering banners,
No legions sent afar;
A lamp within a stable
And in the sky a star!

Margaret E. Sanger, in Collier's Weekly.

Crawford County Farm Products On Display in Bay City.

In a bulletin issued by the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau, Bay City, Secretary Marston says as follows:

"Last week the Northeastern Michigan Development Bureau, Bay City, received a consignment of Crawford County farm products for display purposes at the Bureau's office. The products had previously been on exhibit at the Crawford County Farmers' Institute and were sent to the Bureau through the direction of L. B. Merrill, president of the association.

"The products have been arranged in an attractive manner in the large display window at headquarters in Bay City and they are daily drawing much attention. Travellers from all parts of the country have been attracted by the show and they have made many favorable comments.

"T. F. Marston, secretary of the Bureau says: 'Mr. Merrill and the members of the Crawford County Farmers' Institute have the real boosting spirit and they send the quality of produce that "pulls attention."

"The Bureau stands ready to do all possible to make every county in Northeastern Michigan better known to people outside the district. It desires, especially, to make farmers in southern Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio realize the possibilities and opportunities of farming here and spares no effort in accomplishing this work through advertising. Crawford County has been adding consistently and is reaping benefit."

The Ten Commandments for Christmas Giving

By HARVEY PEAKE

THOU shalt love the giver of the gift, because he has sent the gift.

2. Thou shalt remember first the very young and the very old.

3. Thou shalt buy within thy means, remembering the spirit of the gift and not the value.

4. Thou shalt not become a party to the mere exchange of gifts. Let thy heart go with each and every greeting or present thou send out.

5. Thou shalt make such gifts as thy will may warrant, inasmuch as the work of thy hands gives added value to the offering.

6. Thou shalt give up no bitter remembrances with a gift, but only peace and good will.

7. Thou shalt have thy gifts ready several days before the time of delivery, that the immediate days before Christmas may be filled with peace and happiness, and not with turmoil and frenzy.

8. Thou shalt seek the abodes of the poor and friendless with such wholesome gifts as may cheer and nourish their hungry bodies and hearts.

9. Thou shalt not grieve over thy gifts. Thou shalt show thy gratitude in more sincere ways.

10. Thou shalt, at earliest opportunity, give written or verbal thanks for such kindnesses as thy friends may have bestowed upon thee at Christmas.

TWO TOTS IN A TOY SHOP

Little Denny Was Almost Beyond Hope in the Eyes of His Older Sister, Aged Six.

She was six if she was a day; she had a little fat back in a little black coat and her wisps of red hair matched her red tam-o'-shanter. In her firm hand she held a struggling boy about a year younger, and they were getting into the elevator at a big department store and making for "toys."

Children are not allowed, unaccompanied by guardians, in most large shops, but such was her air of responsibility, of decorum, that it would have been bold floorwalker who dared to question her.

Nor, evidently, was it her first visit. The boy, still held in leash, ran in front and made straight for the space devoted to Santa Claus, his reindeer and his sleigh, piled with toys.

There was a background of fir and cedar and a huge Christmas tree, but the pair sat down before the fascinating old fellow in his red robe, his long white beard, holding his big whip, and from his face the small boy did not turn from worshipping in solemn adoration.

Across the room was a creche; also a wonderful and beautiful thing. The infant Jesus in the manger, the mother in her blue robes, St. Joseph, with his staff, the three kings resplendent.

The children had been perfectly still for fifteen minutes looking at Santa Claus, when the little girl whispered to the boy. He squirmed, struggled, but she was too much for him. She dislodged him from his seat, dragged him to the creche, and with motherly, Irish piety, pressed him on his knees.

Reverently she described the holy group, then would induce devotion from a more human motive.

"See the cow, Denny, you mind the cow we used to milk last summer at the farm when we went on the fresh air? See the goat, Denny, you mind the goat in our alley? It's his pitcher." But Denny whined and pulled and pulled to be back again to his idol.

The little girl looked up. Her sigh was that given by every woman since the beginning, for every man for whose soul she holds herself responsible.

"Denny," she said, "Denny like Santa Claus better than he likes God."

Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effective help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

Trappers

I will buy your raw furs and pay the best market price.

CHAS. F. FINE

AN IRREPRESSIBLE BOY



WORRIED the cat, he played rat-tat-tat. On the roller skates a full hour by the clock. He tried roller skates where dishes and plates. In jeopardy lay, till some fell with a shock.

With an Indian yell on the doll's house he fell. And added poor dolly's scalp to his belt; Then knocked off its toes and its fair clear nose. Which same was of wax—he proceeded to melt.

Two tubs he upset without one regret; He stood on his head till his face it turned blue; A curtain he tore and then sighed for more. Inevitably mischievous things he might do.

He hid granny's specs, but that didn't vex; Her face brightened up with his fun and his noise. "One sweet kiss, appeal all," so she said. Resignedly adding that "boys will be boys."

But strangest of all at night's quiet fall. How meekly, how placidly, this rogue would say: "Good-night, mamma dear. Good-night, papa dear. 'Tis tried hard to be such a good boy to-day."

EAT REMAINS OF CANDLES

Christmas Services Among the Eskimos of Labrador—Part Most Enjoyed by the Children.

Somebody has said that when the world was being made the Creator gathered up all the waste material he had left over and made Labrador out of it. Some people say the Creator never intended it to be inhabited. But inhabited it is with a sturdy, taciturn band of Eskimos, who, thanks to the Moravian missionaries who have penetrated to that country, celebrate Christmas in their own peculiar way.

As service time in the church draws near all the inhabitants, old and young, the men on one side and the women on the other, are waiting in eager expectation. It is quite dark by four o'clock and the bell rings. All come trooping in clad in the best clothes they can muster.

No one stays at home from these services unless he is sick or lame, and whenever it is possible sleighs are used to bring these disabled ones to church.

For the little children the happiest part of the services comes later when each child receives a lighted candle, symbolizing the light of the world. Each candle stands in a white turnip which serves as a candlestick. Most of the candles are made from deer tallow which the Eskimos bring to the missionaries. After the services the children eat not only the turnip, but what is left of the candle as well.

One year only about ten persons, mostly men, could come from the nearest island. The ice had been driven together, and rather than miss the Christmas service they had risked their lives in crossing over on that moving, heaving, broken ice to the mainland. Then they had to climb the mountains and walk through the deep snow until they reached the mission station after twenty-three hours of danger and a fearfully exhausting march through the snow.

How happy they were to be in time to celebrate the Christmas festival in the house of their God! About six days later, when the ice had formed, all the rest of the people came, but oh! so sad and downhearted. Like little children they told the missionaries their tale of sorrow. They described how sad they all had been when they found that it would be impossible to come to the mission station for the Christmas service.

"Christmas Past," it was indeed a gracious time, and as we read of the revels and ceremonies and find foolish beliefs of Christmas Past, we might regret what we have lost in this tamer and less picturesque age, if we did not know that never before in history was Christmas kept so truly and heartily in the spirit of the day as it is now. We have dropped a good many rude and some pretty customs, but we have gained a broadening spirit of almost universal charity, a feeling of real brotherhood, that is perhaps none the less real that it is held in check a good deal during the rest of the year.

—Charles Dudley Warner.

A French Custom.

In France children place their shoes before the mantelpiece, in anticipation of a visit from Father Christmas.

Why You Should Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Because it has an established reputation won by its good works. Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities.

Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic.

Because it is obtainable in all parts of the world, and is obtainable everywhere.

NOTICE.

To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under a deed of deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County, in which the lands lie of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per cent additional thereto, and the fees of publication of this notice, and of publication of a personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional costs or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings to foreclose of the land.

Description of land situated in Crawford County, State of Michigan: N½ of SE¼, Section 13, Town 26 N., Range 2 W., Amount paid \$5.00, tax for year 1908.

N½ of SE¼, Section 13, Town 26 N., Range 2 W., Amount paid \$7.76, tax for year 1911.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$31.72, to which must be added the sheriff's fees.

SE¼ of NE¼, Section 13, Town 26 N., Range 2 W., Amount paid \$5.23, tax for year 1911.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$15.46, to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Residence: South Branch township, Crawford County.

Place of business: 137 West Main street, Lansing, Michigan.

Dated August 16, A. D. 1915.

To Walter A. Hocking, Grantee under the last recorded deed, in the regular chain of title, to said land.

William M. Thompson, Grantee under the last recorded tax deed to said land issued by the Auditor General.

Proof of failure of service.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. County of Crawford.

I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of Walter A. Hocking, or of his heirs, or of any executor or administrator.

My Fees, \$5. W. H. Coby, Sheriff of said county.

Giving, Dec. 6, 1915. 12-23-4

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Description of land situated in Crawford County, State of Michigan: SW¼ of SW¼, Section 6, Town 26 N., Range 4 W., Amount paid \$3.02 tax for year 1909.

SW¼ of SW¼, Section 6, Town 26 N., Range 4 W., Amount paid \$2.61 tax for year 1910.

SW¼ of SW¼, Section 6, Town 26 N., Range 4 W., Amount paid \$3.08 tax for year 1911.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$22.42 to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Residence: South Branch township, Crawford County.

Place of business: 137 West Main street, Lansing, Michigan.

Dated August 23, A. D. 1915.

To H. J. Fanning, Grantee, Mich. Grantee under the last recorded deed in the regular chain of title, to said land.

Alfred H. Mallory, Chicago, Illinois, Nor named in all undischarged recorded mortgages on said land.

Proof of failure of service.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. County of Crawford.

I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of Alfred H. Mallory, or of his heirs, or of any executor or administrator.

My Fees, \$5 cents. W. H. Coby, Sheriff of said county.

Giving, Nov. 27, 1915. 12-23-4

Ordinance No. 18.

An ordinance to amend section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of the Village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses."

The Village of Grayling Ordains: Section 1.

Section 4 of ordinance No. 1 of said Village of Grayling, as amended, entitled "Relative to Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. All peddlers and hawkers exercising their calling within the Village of Grayling, except pedant and popcorn vendors who are residents of said Village of Grayling, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor, and shall pay for such license for each day the sum of ten dollars and for less time the sum of two dollars for each day. The same shall apply to all persons selling or offering for sale goods, wares or merchandise, by hand, hand cart, snow stand, vehicle or otherwise from house to house in said Village or upon public streets or grounds of said Village. This section shall not apply to residents of the county of Crawford selling domestic fruits, vegetables, dairy or farm products, or butchers' meat by them raised, grown or produced. All residents of the said Village selling or offering for sale popcorn or peanuts on the public streets or grounds of said Village, shall before doing so, obtain a license therefor, and shall pay for such license the sum of five dollars per month.

This ordinance shall take effect January 1st, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915. H. Petersen, Village President.

T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

Christmas calendars, seals, tags, stockings, crepe paper and tinsel. A. M. Lewis.

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To the owner or owners of any and all interests in or liens upon the land herein described:

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Description of land situated in Crawford County, State of Michigan: NW¼ of NW¼ of Sec. 26, Town 28 N., Range 4 W., Amount paid, \$3.47 tax for year 1908.

NW¼ of the NW¼ of Sec. 26, Town 28 N., Range 4 W., Amount paid \$3.25 tax for year 1909.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$18.44, to which must be added the fees of the sheriff.

Yours respectfully, FREDERICK THOMAS.

Place of business: No. 123 E. Ottawa St., Lansing, Michigan. Dated March 7, A. D. 1914.

To S. H. Webster, Grantee under the last recorded deed, in the regular chain of title, to said land.

John W. Burke of Frederic, Mich., Grantee under the last recorded deed to said land issued by the Auditor General.

Proof of failure of service.

State of Michigan, ss. County of Saginaw.

I do hereby certify and return, that after making careful inquiry and search I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of S. H. Webster or of the whereabouts or post office address of the heirs, executors, administrators, trustee or guardian of the said S. H. Webster, Grantee named in the last recorded deed in the regular chain of title to NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 26—28 N.—4 W.

Dated this 28th day of April A. D. 1914. My fees \$1.10.

LEO J. RIMMER, Sheriff of said county.

12-23-4

Ordinance No. 19.

An ordinance relative to the licensing of carriers of passengers for hire and of the vehicle used therefor; to provide for a penalty for violation thereof, and to repeal all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.

The Village of Grayling Ordains: Section 1. No person shall use or offer for use any carriage, sleigh, automobile or other vehicle within the limits of the Village of Grayling for the carriage of passengers for hire without first having obtained a license for such vehicle as provided in section 2 of this ordinance, and no person shall drive any such vehicle without a license so to do as hereinafter provided.

Provided, that this ordinance shall not apply to persons passing through said Village with passengers or carrying passengers to said Village from points outside thereof.

Section 2. Any person who is a resident of the Village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying passengers for hire within said village by his paying into the village treasury therefor the sum of three dollars for each of his said vehicles to be so used. Any person who is not a resident of the said Village of Grayling may obtain a license for his vehicle to be used in carrying persons for hire in said village by his paying into the village treasury therefor the sum of five dollars for each and every day each of his said vehicles is so used, (meaning thereby two dollars per day per vehicle) and any person above the age of eighteen years, of good moral character may obtain a license as driver upon executing a bond to said village in the sum of one hundred dollars with at least one good and sufficient surety thereon conditioned in substance that the principal shall well and truly keep and obey and observe all ordinances of said village, and all laws of the State of Michigan, which said bond shall also have indorsed thereon a certificate of the village marshal showing in substance that the principal in said bond is believed to be a person of good moral character and a proper person to receive a license as driver of public conveyances, which when so signed and indorsed shall be presented to the village council, and if approved by said village council, the applicant may receive such license by paying therefor the sum of one dollar.

Section 3. All licenses issued by virtue of this ordinance to persons who are residents of the Village of Grayling shall be for one year, and to non-residents for as many days as shall be paid for, unless the same be sooner revoked and annulled as hereinafter provided.

Section 4. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail of Crawford County not exceeding ninety days, or both in the discretion of the court, and if the convicted person shall have a license issued by virtue of this ordinance, the village council may, by a majority vote, thereof, revoke and annul the license of such offender, but such revoking or annulling shall not entitle such offender to receive back any portion of the sum paid for such license.

Section 5. All bonds given under the provision of this ordinance shall be for the benefit of persons injured by reason of any violation of this ordinance or by the violation of any of the provisions of said bond, and any person so injured may bring suit on such bond in the name of the Village of Grayling for his, her or their benefit.

Section 6. All other ordinances of said Village of Grayling pertaining to the licensing of vehicles for hire or ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of January, 1916.

Passed, ordained and ordered published this 6th day of December, 1915. H. Petersen, Village President.

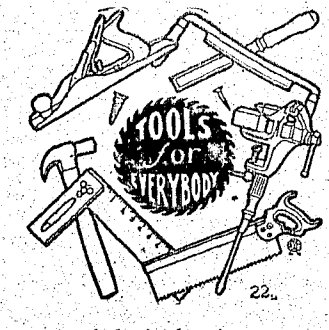
T. P. Peterson, Village Clerk.

Notice of Tax Collections.

I will be at my office in my home in Beaver Creek township every Wednesday during the month of December, and first week in January for the collection of taxes.

Andrew Mortenson, Treasurer.

Any Person Can Buy Hardware



But it is not everyone who knows whether it is good or bad until after they have used it. And right there is just a small portion of the wisdom of buying hardware at our store. We know that most people rely upon what we tell them about the quality of the goods, hence we make it a principle in business never to sell an article that we do not know to be O. K. in every respect. It is the safe way and our way.

Isn't there something you need in making life more comfortable during the winter months? Undoubtedly we have it and can sell it to you at a very close price. No house in this section ever undersells us on guaranteed hardware.

SALLING, HANSON CO.

Hardware Department

Ordinance No. 17.

An ordinance granting permission and authority to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and to its successors and assigns, to construct, own, operate and maintain a sewer along and under State Street in the Village of Grayling, Michigan.

The Village of Grayling ordains, as follows, to wit:

Section 1. That consent, permission and authority is hereby given, granted and duly vested in and to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and duly admitted and authorized to transact business in the State of Michigan, and to its successors and assigns, to construct, own, operate and maintain a sewer along and under State Street, in said Village, of Grayling from the South limits and boundary line of said Village, North to the Au Sable River and to discharge the contents of said sewer into the Au Sable River so long as it and its successors and assigns may desire. Said sewer may also be used by the employees and tenants of said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and of its successors and assigns.

Section 2. Whenever and at such time as said E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, its successors and assigns, shall cease to operate its plant adjoining the said Village of Grayling and shall

Have Your Wall Paper Cleaned.

\$1.00 a Room and up

Now is the time to get your wall paper cleaned so that your walls will be clean and neat for the holidays. We clean your wall paper for a dollar a room and up, according to the size of the room. Calcimine wall also.

Conrad Sorenson
Phone 613

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Brenner's for toys and dishes "Santal Yum, yum," says the kid. Thanks—whether we get it or not. But this is some better than a Christmas in the trenches.

Silver, Ivory and Mahogany clocks to pick from, at Hathaway's. Geo. L. Alexander made a business trip to Gaylord last Saturday.

Of course there is peace somewhere on earth, but hanged if we know where it is.

Fred MacDonald and daughter, Miss Edith, spent Sunday here with Mrs. MacDonald.

E. McCrea of Boyne City was a guest at the E. G. Clark home a couple of days this week.

Devere Burgess has had a fine new electric sign erected on the outside of his billiard parlors.

Fr. Hassenburg of West Branch was a guest at St. Mary's parsonage on Friday of last week.

Walter Williams returned home last Saturday afternoon after a week spent in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Just to remind you that the time to buy Xmas goods is "now." The place is at Holiday's Bazaar.

Hell in Europe, famine in Mexico, indifference and plenty in the United States. Funny old world, this.

Let no person know hunger in this town on Christmas day. Fortune has been too kind to the rest of us for that.

E. F. Copper and family expect to spend Christmas in Lansing with Mr. Copper's parents and other relatives.

Mrs. Henry Bauman returned Monday from a few days spent in Saginaw, the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. J. Graham.

Fred Martin left for his home in Grand Rapids the fore part of last week, and expects to remain in that city for the present.

To the new lady of the White house; Our congratulations at this yuletide time, madam; may you live long to grace this fair land of ours.

Mrs. James Cameron of this city had the misfortune to slip on the icy walk and injure her hip quite severely Tuesday, while calling on Frederic friends.

Miss Vera Shier is a guest of her sister, Miss Ula Shier enroute from Ypsilanti Normal to her home in Wolverine. Miss Ula will accompany her home.

Wm. Fischer Sr., returned from Mt. Clemens, the latter part of the week, where he had been receiving treatment for rheumatism. He is much improved.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy and Miss Elsie Jorgenson, who are attending Ferris Institute are expected to arrive home Friday afternoon to spend Christmas.

There will be installation of officers of the Grayling lodge No. 356, F. & A. M., next Monday evening, Dec. 27, 1915. All members are requested to be present.

Catherine S. Waite, Dept. President of Detroit and her secretary, E. Anna McGrath, visited Grayling this week to inspect Garfield Circle No. 16. Ladies of the G. A. R.

We just received a shipment of imported all linen hand embroidered handkerchiefs. The prettiest assortment that ever was seen in this town. Selling, Hanson Co.

Alfred Jorgenson left Sunday night for Jackson, to assist Nemesius Neilson, on a painting job. Mr. Neilson has been in that city several weeks taking charge of the work.

Ambrose Meistrup moved his family to Bay City Saturday. They expect to make their future residence in that city. Mr. Meistrup has entered the employ of the Neil and Bigelow Lumber company.

Little Japan is shocked—terribly, everlastingly and painfully shocked. China has voted to return to a monarchical form of government, and neglected the formality of asking the Japanese "by your leave."

Those attending the different colleges and educational institutions are expected to spend the holidays at their several homes. The following have already arrived: Miss Helen E. Brown from Lenoir Seminary, Anderson, S. C.; Robert Rollin from M. A. C., Lansing; Stanley Lus from North Dakota; Mrs. L. M. Joseph and Harry Conover from U. M. A. A. A. Mich. Others are expected within the next couple days.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Practical Gift Store

Immense Variety, High Quality, Extra Value and Years of Experience make this

THE IDEAL GIFT STORE

when choosing Gifts for Man or Boy, Woman or Girl



There are scores of Fine Gifts in this list that men will want

Beautiful Silk Neckwear 25c to \$1.00
Fine Silk Mufflers 50c to 2.50
Kid Gloves 1.00 to 2.00
Knit Gloves 25c and 50c
Dress Shirts 50c to 2.00
Sweater, 50c to 8.00
Hosiery, all kinds, 10c to 50c
Suspenders and Garter Sets 75c
Handkerchiefs 10c to 25c
Fancy Suspenders 25c and 50c
Fancy Paris Garters 25c
Knit Mufflers 25c and 50c
Fancy Arm Bands 10c to 25c
House Slippers 75c to 2.00
Pajamas 1.25 and 1.50
Night Gowns 50c to 1.00
Suit Cases 1.00 to 10.00
Traveling Bags \$5 to 10.00
Caps, new styles, 50c to 1.50
Fur Caps 5.00 to 15.00
Hundreds of other articles are here for your selection

A great selection of new Overcoats are here, all specially low priced



A few of the many useful and pretty Holiday Gifts for women and children

There is simply no limit to your choice of Handkerchiefs 5c to \$2.50
Silk Hose 50c to \$2.00
Fancy Aprons 25c to 1.00
Bath or Fancy Towels 25c to 1.00
New Style Hand Bags 50c to 10.00
Felt Slippers 50c to 1.75
Kid Gloves—white, colors and black, 1.50 to 2.00
Yarn and Chamoisette Gloves 25c and 50c
Ladies' Sweaters 2.00 to 7.50
Children's Sweaters 50c to 3.50
Children's Furs reduced to 1/2 price
Warm Knit Goods for infants and children of every kind
Children's Coats at greatly reduced prices
January prices on all Ladies' Coats and Skirts
Table Linens, Napkins, Bed Spreads
A complete line of Boys' Caps, Sweaters, Mitts, Overcoats and Suits

Final Price Reductions on all Ladies' Winter Suits—One-Third Off regular prices

The Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Store of Useful Gifts

The Practical Gift Store

For Gifts that will please him most.

For Gifts that will please her most.

A Merry Christmas and many more of them.

Fine line of safety razors. A. M. Lewis

Wonder what the new year will have in store for this town?

Traveling and Toilet sets that will please you, at Hathaway's

The celebration of Christmas day dates from the third century, which is a little too ancient for the personal reminiscences of "our oldest citizen."

Yes, we are feeling right smart today, thank you. The boys are coming right in with those subscriptions to the papers they are owing us, and we have strong hopes of tasting real turkey for Christmas. There are still few more of the old-fashioned Christmas cards, but we feel sure that the new ones will be the needful to make the season merry and bright. We have a generous stock of such fellows on our list after all.

Miss Doris Lagrow of Frederic was in the city shopping Tuesday.

If you want to see some pretty handkerchiefs call at Selling, Hanson Co's.

We can make it a prosperous year if we get together and pull together. Let's get and let's pull.

If congress starts the eagle to screaming, our poor old national bird will have a mighty sore throat before that bunch gets through with it.

If his big Fordship and their little Fordships enter German territory and all get pinched by the fire eating kaiser, won't they set up a mighty howl for Uncle Sammy to get them out of the hole?

All new goods and prices right. Our motto is Live and let Live. Call and look our stock over before purchasing. It will pay you. Extra fine line of candy for Christmas trade. Holiday's Bazaar.

Yes, congress is on the job again. Poor old job!

Companion Court Grayling No. 652, held election of officers, December 9th. The following were duly elected for the ensuing year:

Maria Hammond—Chief Ranger.
Elizabeth VanPatten—Past Chief Ranger.
Phoebe Johnson—Vice Chief Ranger.

Flora Mason—Rec. Sec.
Maude Smith—Fin. Sec.
Nellie Corwin—Treas.
Elsie Dupree—Orator.

Isabelle McMahon—Sr. Woodward.
Clara McLeod—Jr. Woodward.
Hazel Williams—Sr. Beadle.
Ada Knight—Jr. Beadle.

Mrs. Moran and Estella Sullivan—Board of Trustees.
Isabelle McMahon and Emma Cook—Ad. Secs.
Clara Williams—Court Deputy.

A charity card party was given at the rooms of the Grayling Social club by the ladies of the Goodfellowship club, last Saturday night, and netted about \$21.00 in cash, which sum will be distributed to the needy families of Grayling this week. It was a very pleasant affair and well attended. Some of the guests played five-hundred and others bridge whist. Mrs. Robert Reagan won the ladies' prize and Wilhelm Rase the men's prize, in five-hundred and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mason won the prizes in bridge. After the games light refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

FOR RENT—Two suites of light housekeeping rooms at Peter Michelson's residence.

WANTED—A carpenter to remodel and paint rooms over Mason's Drug store. Dr. A. Wood Whitaker.

A LATE SUGGESTION

Send the Avalanche to some distant friend for a year.

It will be highly enjoyed for the next twelve months.

THE BATTLE-CRY

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SYNOPSIS.

Juanita Holland, on her journey into the heart of the Cumberland mountains, faints at the door of Fletcher McNash's cabin. She overhears a talk between Bad Anse Havey and one of his henchmen that acquaints her with the Havey-McBriar feud. Cal Douglas, of the Havey clan is on trial in Peril, for the murder of a McBriar. Juanita and Dawn McNash become friends. Cal Douglas is acquitted. Nash Wyatt is killed by the Haveys. Milt McBriar and Bad Anse Havey are truce, under pressure from Good Anse Talbott. Juanita thinks she has found a way to build a school. Milt McBriar breaks the truce by having Fletcher McNash murdered. Jeb McNash begs Bad Anse to tell him who killed his father, but is not told. Juanita and Bad Anse further misunderstand. Young Milt is the murderer. Young Milt and Dawn meet several times, resulting in a demand from Bad Anse that Dawn leave Juanita's cabin. Juanita and Good Anse go to see the school again, and find that the school has been started by Juanita in the wrong way. She begins to understand Bad Anse's dream of regeneration for his people. Young Milt and Bad Anse lay aside the feud for the time to prevent the burning of the new schoolhouse. Dawn remains with Juanita. Bad Anse finds himself drifting dangerously near Juanita. Roger Malcolm of Philadelphia comes to woo Juanita and to investigate the mineral possibilities of the district. Bad Anse gives him valued warnings. Young Milt comes openly to see Dawn while she is at Jeb's cabin. The two men set a new precedent by fighting with fists and then shaking hands on a personal truce. Milt McBriar plots to have Bad Anse killed. Bad Anse prospers. Bad Anse agrees to friendship with her though he knows that on his part it is hopeless love.

CHAPTER XIX.

Once, when Anse Havey had been tramping all afternoon through the wintry woods with Juanita, he had pointed out a squirrel that sat erect on a branch high above them with its tail curled up behind it. He had stopped her with a touch on the arm; then, with a smile of amusement, he handed her his rifle with much the same manner that she might have handed him a novel in Russian, and his eyes said banteringly: "See what you can do with that."

But to his surprise she took the gun and leveled it as one accustomed to its use. Bad Anse Havey forgot the squirrel and saw only the slim figure in its loose sweater; only the stray wisps of curling hair and the softness of the cheek that nestled against the rifle-stock. Then, at the report, the squirrel dropped.

She turned with a matter-of-fact nod and handed back the gun.

"I'm rather sorry I killed it," she said, "but you looked so full of scorn that I had to show you. You know, they do have a few rifles outside the Cumberland mountains."

"Where did you learn to shoot?" he demanded, and she answered casually: "I used to shoot a rifle and pistol, too, quite a good bit."

"He took the gun back, and unconsciously his hand caressed the spot where her cheek had laid against its lock. He had fallen into a reverie out of which her voice called him. They had crossed the ridge itself and were overlooking his place.

"Why are they clearing that space behind your house? Are you going to put it in corn?"

"No," he laughed shortly. "Corn would be just about as bad as laurel."

He was instantly sorry he had said that. He had not meant to tell her of the plans he was making—plans of defense and, if need be, of offense. He had not intended to mention his precautions to prevent assassination at his own door or window.

But the girl understood, and her voice was heavy with anxiety as she demanded: "Do you think you're in danger, Anse?"

"There's never a day I'm not in danger," he replied casually. "I've got pretty well used to it."

"But some day," she broke out, "they'll get you."

He shrugged his shoulders. "Maybe," he said.

As Juanita's influence grew with Bad Anse Havey, so it was growing at the school. She had to turn away pupils who had come across the mountains on wearisome journeys because as yet she had only limited room and no teachers save herself and Dawn to care for the youngest.

At the front of the hall which led into the main school building was a rack with notches for rifles and pegs for pistols. She told all who entered that she made only one stipulation, and that was that whoever crossed the threshold must leave his armament at the door.

At first some men turned away again, taking their children with them, but as time went on they grudgingly acquiesced, and at last, with a sense of great victory, she persuaded three shaggy fathers, who were coming regularly with their children, to ride back home unarmed.

Disarmament was her idea for the great solution, and when Bad Anse came over—and he came every night now—she led him with almost breathless eagerness to the rack and showed him two modern rifles and one antiquated squirrel gun.

"What's the idea?" he asked with his skeptical smile. He found it very difficult to listen always to talk about the school in which he felt no inter-

est and to regard his vow of silence as to herself whom he dumbly worshipped.

"Look around you, Anse," she commanded. "Do you see any dirt or dust anywhere? No; we are teaching cleanliness and sanitation, but there is just one place here where the spiders are welcome to come and spin their webs unmolested. It's that rack of guns. Did you ever hear of the shrine at Lourdes?"

"I reckon not," he confessed uneasily. Of late he had become a little ashamed of the things he did not know.

"Well, this is going to be like it, Anse. It is told that when the lame and halt and blind came to Lourdes to pray they went away straight and strong and clear of vision. There hang at the shrine there numberless crutches and canes, discarded because the men who were carried there went away needing them no more. Some day your old order of crippled things here in the mountains is going to be gone straight and strong, and these guns will be the discarded crutches."

He looked at her, and if no response was elicited by her prophecy, at least he could not contemplate without a stirring of enthusiasm the flushed face and glowing eye with which she spoke. It was all worth while if it could bring that sparkle of delight to her countenance.

"It's right pretty, but it won't hardly work," he said. "These men will leave their guns just so long as they don't need 'em. I'm glad to see ye pleased—but I don't want to see ye disappointed."

A little before Christmas old Milt McBriar went to Lexington, and there he met a heavily bearded man in rough clothes who had arrived that morning from the West. They conferred in a cheap eating house which bears a ragged and unwholesome appearance and is kept by an exile from the mountains.

"Now tell me, Milt," suggested Luke Thixton briefly, "what air this thing ye wants me ter do. I'm done with these hysc old fat lands that they talks so much about."

But Milt McBriar's eyes had been vacantly watching the door. It was a glass door, with its lower portion painted red and bearing in black letters the name of the proprietor.

"Damn!" he exclaimed violently, but under his breath.

"What's bit'n' ye?" asked his companion, as he bolted his food.

"I just seed Breck Havey pass by that door," explained the chief. "But I reckon he couldn't hardly recognize you this fur back. I don't want no word of yore comin' ter go ahead of ye."

"What is it I'm a-goin' back ter do?" insisted the exile doggedly.

"Oh," commented Milt McBriar, "we've got ter talk that over at some length. Ye're a-goin' back ter git Anse Havey, but ye ain't a-goin' jist yit."

One morning as he sat over his breakfast at the kitchen table, Anse's cousin, Breck Havey, rode up in hot haste to rouse him out of apathy and remind him that he must not shirk his role as leader of the clan.

The Havey from Peril came quickly to the point while the Havey of the backwoods listened.

"I was down ter Lexington yesterday, an' as I was passin' Jim Freeman's deadfall I happened ter look in. Thar was old Milt McBriar an' Luke Thixton, thar heads as close together as a pair of thieves. Luke hes come back from the West, an' I reckon ye kin finger out what that means."

Anse grew suddenly rigid and his face blackened. So his destiny was crowding him!

"What air ye goin' ter do?" demanded Breck with a tone of anxious and impatient pleading. Anse shook his head.

"I don't know—quite yet," he said. "Let's see, is the high cote in session?"

Breck Havey nodded his head in perplexed assent. He wondered what the court had to do with this exigency.

"All right. Tell Sidering to have the grand jury indict Luke for the McNash murder an' Milt McBriar as accessory."

"Good God, Anse!" burst out the other Havey. "Does ye realize what hell ye turns loose when ye tries ter drag Old Milt ter cote in Peril?"

"Yes, I know that," the answer was calm. "I'll give ye a list of witnesses. Tell Sidering to keep these true bills secret. I'll ride over and testify myself, an' I'll tend to keepin' the witnesses quiet. I don't know whether we'll ever try these cases, but it's jist as well to be ready along every line."

Breck Havey stood gazing down at the hearth with a troubled face. At last he hazarded a remonstrance.

"Anse," he said, "I ain't never questioned ye. I've always took yore counsel. Ye're the head of the Haveys, but next to you I'm the man they harkens to most. If any man has got ter dispute yer, I reckon ye'd take it most willin'ly from me."

"What is it, Breck? I'm plumb willin' to listen to yore counsel."

"Then I'll talk outspoken. Ter try ter convict these men in cote means to take a desperate chance. Ye can't hardly succeed, an' if ye fails ye've lost yore hold on the Haveys—ye're plumb, eternally done for."

"No, but ye mought. Anse, no man hain't never questioned yore loyalty till now. I mought as well tell ye straight what talkin' goin' round."

Anse stiffened. "What is it?" he demanded.

"Some folks 'low that ther Haveys don't mean as much ter ye now as ther furrlin' schoolteacher does. Them folks'll be pretty apt ter think ye ain't tryin' ter please them so much as her—if yer attempts this."

Anse stood for a long minute silent, and his bronzed features grew taut. At last he inquired coolly:

"What do you think, Breck?"

"I'd trust ye till hell froze."

"All right. Then do as I tell ye, an' if I falls I reckon you'll be head of the Haveys in my place."

Down at the school there was going to be a Christmas tree that year. Never before had the children of the "branch-water folks" heard of a Christmas tree. The season of Christ's birth had always been celebrated with moonshine jug and revolver. It was dreaded in advance and mourned over in retrospect.

Now in many childish hearts large dreams were brewing. Eager anticipations awaited the marvels. The honored young fir tree which was to bear a fruitage of gifts and lights had been singled out and marked to the ax. Anse Havey and Juanita had explored the woods together, bent on its selection. Perhaps Juanita and Dawn were as much excited as the children, but to Dawn it meant more than to anyone else. She was to accompany Juanita to Lexington to buy gifts and decorations and would have her first wondrous glimpse of the lights and crowds of a city.

Milt was there at college and would be returning about the same time, so the mountain girl secretly wrote him of her coming. And even facing so grave a crisis, Anse Havey thought of that tree and hoped that Luke would not come back before Christmas.

That night, while he was sitting with Juanita and the fire was flashing on her cheeks, he said moodily: "I'm afraid ye'll have to start despisin' me all over again."

She looked up in astonishment.

"Why?" she asked.

"I've got to kill a man."

She rose from her chair, her face pallid.

"Kill a man?" she echoed.

"God knows I hate to do it," he rose, too, and stood before the hearth. "But I reckon it had better be me than Jeb."

"Do you mean—" she broke off and finished brokenly. "That Fletcher's murderer is back?"

"He's comin'. He's comin' to kill somebody else. Most likely me. It's a question of settlin' scores with a murderer that kill Fletcher for a ticket West and a hundred dollars—or lettin' young Jeb McNash go crazy an' start in the feud all over again. I reckon ye sees that I ain't no choice."

—She came nearer and stood confronting him so close that he felt her breath on his face. She broke out in a low, tense voice: "Suppose he kills you?"

"He'll have his chance," said Anse Havey shortly. "I ain't 'lowin' to shoot him down from ambush."

The girl leaned forward and clutched his hands in both her own. Under the tight pressure of her fingers he felt

every nerve in his body tingle and leap into a hot ecstasy of emotion, while his face became white and drawn.

"Don't risk your life," she pleaded. "Your people can't spare you; I can't spare you. Not now, Anse; I need you too much."

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CHAPTER XX.

There still remained the task of winning young Jeb's assent to his plan, and Anse Havey foresaw a stubborn battle there. Jeb had been reading law that winter; reading by the light of a log fire through long and lonely evenings in a smoke-darkened cabin.

When Anse Havey called from the stable one night, the boy laid a battered Blackstone on his thin knee and called out: "Come in, Anse, and pull up a cheer!"

Anse had been rehearsing his arguments as he rode through the sleek-lashed hills, and he was deeply troubled.

The man and the boy sat on either side of the fireplace. Penetrating gusts swept in at the broken chinking and up through the warped floor until old Beardog, lying at their feet, shivered as he slept with his forepaws stretched on the hearth and the two men hitched their chairs nearer to the blaze. By the bed still stood the rifle that had been Fletcher's; the rifle upon which the boy's eyes always fell and which to him was the symbol of his duty.

As Bad Anse Havey talked of the future with all the instinctive forcefulness that he could command, the boy's set face relaxed, and into his eyes came a glint of eagerness, because he himself was to play no small part in these affairs.

Into his heart crept the first burning of ambition, the first reaching out after a career. He saw a future opening before him, and his grave eyes were drinking in pictures in the live embers.

Then, when ambition had been kindled, the older man broached the topic which was the crux of his plea.

"The man that can do things for the mountains must be willin' to make a heap of sacrifices, Jeb," he said.

Jeb laughed, looking about the bare room of his cabin.

"Mek sacrifices?" he repeated. "I hain't never knowed nothin' else but that. I reckon I hain't skeered of it."

"I didn't mean that way, Jeb," Anse spoke slowly, holding the boy with his eyes, and something of his meaning sank in so that the lad's lean face again hardened.

"Nothin' kin't stand between me an' what I've got ter do, Anse," he said slowly. "He did not speak now with wild passion, but calm finality. 'I've done took ter oath.'"

For a while Anse Havey did not reply. At last he said quietly: "I reckon ye've got ter do the idea that I was aimin' to deceive ye, Jeb. I told ye that when Fletcher's assassin came back to the mountains I'd let ye know. I'm goin' to keep my word."

Jeb rose suddenly from his chair and stood with the fire lighting up his ragged trousers and the frayed sleeves of his coat.

"Air he back now?" he demanded. Anse shook his head.

"Not yet, Jeb; but he's comin'." He saw the twitch that went across the tight-closed lips which made no comment.

"Jeb," he continued, "I want ye to help me. I want ye to be big enough to put by things that it's hard to put by."

The boy shook his head.

"Anse," he replied slowly, "ask me ter do anything else in God Almighty's world, but don't ask me that, 'cause if ye does I've got ter deny ye."

"I ain't askin' ye to let the man go unpunished. I'm only askin' you to let me punish him with the law."

Astonishment was writ large in every feature of Jeb's face. He stood in the wavering circle of light while the shadows swallowed the corners of the cabin, and wondered if he had heard rightly. At last his voice carried a note of deep disappointment, and he spoke as though unwilling to utter such treasonable words.

"I reckon, Anse," he suggested, "ye wouldn't hardly hev asked a thing like that afore"—there was a hesitating halt before he went on—"afore a furin woman changed yore fashion of lookin' at things."

Anse Havey felt his face redden, and an angry retort rose to his lips. But the charge was true.

He went on as though Jeb had not spoken.

"All I ask is that when that man comes ye'll hold your hand until the cote has acted."

"Does ye reckon Milt McBriar aims ter let Sidering try kin of his?" was the next incredulous question.

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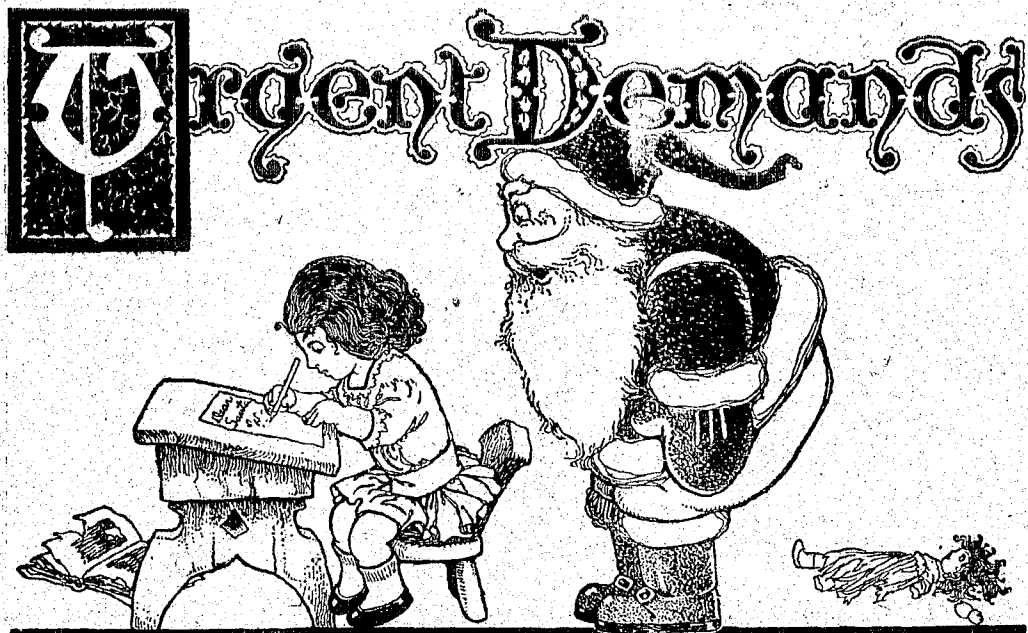
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HOLIDAY AILMENTS

How to Avoid Condition Brought About by Overeating.

Plenty of Vigorous Outdoor Exercise Will Help Digestive Organs Assimilate Food—Better Than Doctor's Prescription.

By IRENE WESTON.

SO MANY people habitually feel more or less out-of-sorts for the few days following Christmas that Christmas ailments have come to be recognized as a necessary aftermath of the festivities.

Of course, the children will always overeat themselves; if they were not allowed to eat all sorts of indigestible things, they would feel they were being cheated out of half the joy of the gay Christmas season. As a matter of fact, it is not the children at all who make up the bulk of sufferers from Christmas complaints. It is the grown-ups who, simply through carelessly neglecting to subscribe to one simple rule of health, frequently find themselves more or less unhappy inside, and more tired and run down physically at the end of the Christmas holidays than before them.

Of course, children do overeat themselves more often than grown people. They rejoice, however, in the possession of powers of recuperation which grown-ups, even in the prime of life, can only look back on with envy. Too much plum pudding, too many sausages with turkey, too many sweets between meals, may bring on a sharp digestive upset, but in a few hours all traces of it have disappeared, and the one-time sufferer is soon eager for more of the rich foods which caused him pain.

With grown people, after-Christmas ailments are not so much due to indigestion as to the eating of indigestible foods as to an utter neglect of any precautions to adapt their systems to the new conditions which reign during the Christmas holidays.

Take the case of the average father of a family who leaves all office work behind. How does the change affect him? In the first place, the dull monotony of his days is broken in upon and his brain can relax from the high pressure of the office. This much, of course, is a change in the right direction. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy physically as well as mentally. At the same time, however, staying at home has drawbacks of its own, for it means less exercise, which in its turn should suggest a cutting down of the food supplied to the body.

Too much food and too little exertion are almost certain to upset the digestion and clog up the various organs whose duty it is to separate the waste matters from the good in the food we eat and rid the body of those poisonous products.

The remedy is perfectly simple. There is no need to stint yourself of the good things of the table. Eat, drink and be merry, within fair moderation, of course. However, you must help your digestive organs by taking plenty of vigorous outdoor exercise.

A two hours' walk before the mid-day meal, a round of golf or some other outdoor game with the children in the afternoon, and a brisk two-mile walk in the half-hour before the evening meal will be found worth more than any amount of doctor's prescriptions directed towards relieving the first symptoms of biliousness, the mental irritability, disturbed sleep, sour taste in the mouth, loss of appetite, etc., which are such a common aftermath of the Christmas holidays.

Unselfishness is the key to Christmas happiness.

ENVOIS.



"Do you ever wish you were a girl?" asked the visitor.

"Only at Christmas time," answered the boy.

"Why do you wish it then?"

"Because of the stockings they wear."

Cultivating the Christmas Spirit.

"Alas!" sighed the moody man, "there is no gladness for me in this joyous season."

"Tut-tut!" said the optimist. "Surely there is a ray of sunshine for you, as there is for all of us if we but look for it."

"No," replied the moody one. "I have not a single friend and no relatives with whom I am on speaking terms."

"Cheer up, then," advised the other, with a shade of envy in his tone. "Can't you be glad because you will not have to buy any Christmas presents?"

Why You Should Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Because it has an established reputation won by its good works. Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities.

Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic.

Because it is within the reach of all. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

HELLO! The Dodger I told you to look for in the Avalanche

MAIN 1043

Here's what I have to say this week before Xmas

Everything New

A thousand and one things just bought—many in the sample line much below regular prices

Celluloid and Rubber Dolls at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c

Undressed Bisque Dolls, cloth body dolls from 5c to 75c.

Eskimo Dolls at 25c.

Teddy Bears, plush, old gold, cinnamon from 25c to \$1.25. Very hard to get, mind you.

Drums from 10c to 75c.

Games, consisting of Dominoes, Checkers, Jack Straws and many others, from 10c up.

Trains and Automobiles, run by electricity or spring, at \$1.75.

Blackboards, regular 75c values, here only 48c.

Bugle Trumpets and Rattle Trumpets at 10c and 15c.

Books for boys and girls at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

Boys don't forget to come and see our Boy Scout books.

Rubber and Celluloid Balls at 5c and 10c.

Tool Chests 20c. Trunks 25c.

Bell wheel rollers, at 10c.

Toy Banks at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.

Pictures and Picture Frames at only 5c.

Roly Poly in all colors at 10c.

Small Lamps in red and green for 10c and 25c.

Cups and Saucers for children at 5c and 10c.

Children's Red Chairs and Rockers.

Dishes, all kinds of them, Salad Bowls, Cream Sets, Bread and Milk Sets, Cups and Saucers, Plates, Celery Dishes, Spoon Trays, from 25c to \$1.25.

A great big line of Handkerchiefs, all prices, 3c 2 for 5c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 40c, in linen and silks. Also Initial Handkerchiefs 10c, 3 for 25c. Men's Silk Handkerchiefs 25c and 35c values for only 20c, and 50c and 75c values for 40c—selling very fast.

Mothers, for your boy or girl here are Mackinaws and Angora Sweaters that you can't duplicate elsewhere. Also Hockey Caps at 25c, worth 50c and \$1.00.

Ladies—Our Coats are selling rapidly. The market is nearly depleted in this line of wear, not only in small villages but also in large cities. You will certainly miss it at any delay. Don't forget to come in and see our 5c and 10c counters.

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A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No advance taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

FOR SALE—A beautiful large oak china closet, a new oak buffet and a piano in good tune. Can be seen at my home. Victor Salling, 12-10-2

WANTED—The people of Grayling to come and look over our Xmas novelties, Kodaks, China, Toys etc. Sorenson Bros.

LOST—A sterling silver link bracelet. Finder please phone Miss Eleanor Schumann at 402, or phone the Avalanche office.

POCKET BOOK—Left at Lewis' Drug store latter part of November. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice. A. M. Lewis, 12-9-3

WANTED—10,000 ladies and gentlemen to call at our store and purchase their Christmas and New Year post cards. Prices range from 1 cent to 20 cents. Sorenson Bros. 12-2-1f

WHY YOU HANG STOCKINGS

Popular Christmas Custom Said to Have Come Down to Us From Old Italian Practice.

There is a story from Italy which some suppose to be the beginning of the present idea of the Christmas stocking. Years ago good old St. Nicholas of Padua used to throw knitted purses with money in them in at the windows of the poor. These knitted purses were not unlike a stocking without a foot, and later it became the custom of the people to hang this knitted sack just inside the window that St. Nicholas might put something in as he passed. When these purses went out of use the stockings were substituted. In the northern part of Italy it was a little too chilly to leave the windows open, and the stockings were hung by the mantel place so that they might be filled from the chimney.

Play Santa, if you will, but don't get your whiskers burnt.

Julkapp Delivery.

This is an expression used in Denmark and Sweden and denotes their way of sending gifts. Before Christmas all the gifts are wrapped so as to disguise the contents. Each package is labeled for whom it is intended and then at odd moments during the day these are thrown in at the doors or the windows.

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8:00 12:25	iv Grayling ar 11:30 4:20
8:21 12:34	iv Resort ar 11:40 4:40
9:18 3:02	iv Sigma ar 1:11 3:23
9:56 3:26	iv Rowley ar 12:46 2:16
11:40 3:55	iv Walton ar 12:20 1:30
11:40 4:31	iv Buckley ar 11:03 11:45
11:10 4:46	iv Gulgarry ar 10:39 11:15
11:23 4:59	iv Kaleva ar 9:55 10:30
11:39 5:29	iv Chief Lake ar 9:45 10:20
11:53 5:46	iv Norwalk ar 9:39 10:14
12:07 5:59	iv Manistee ar 9:15 9:50

A. M. P. M.	P. M. P. M.
7:35 11:30	iv Manistee ar 11:30 16:40
8:21 3:47	iv Kaleva ar 11:04 5:52
8:43 4:11	iv Copemish ar 10:40 5:30
8:49 4:18	iv Nessen Cy ar 10:29 5:19
9:23 4:53	iv Platte Rvr ar 9:57 4:53
9:31 5:01	iv Lake Ann ar 9:49 4:43
9:53 5:15	iv Solon ar 9:33 4:22
9:59 5:21	iv Fouch ar 9:21 4:16
10:15 5:35	iv TraverseC ar 9:05 4:00

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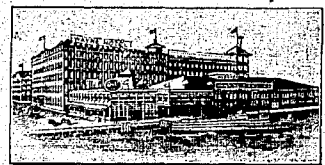
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